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King Solomon's Temple.

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PART II.

But the house of the past hath its tongues of stone,
Yea, its voices of marble and brass —
From the sands of the desolate desert up-thrown,
And the mould of the wilderness grass !
Though the myth of their awful meanings
Too often we idly pass !
Where the Nile flows down by its pyramid tombs ;
Where the ruins of Tadmor lie ;
Where the Petræan cities, from cavernous glooms,
Like sepulchres, startle the eye —
Oh ! the voices of granite and marble
To our souls make audible cry !

Every crumbling plinth, every prostrate shaft.
Hath a murmur of mouldering years ;
From each column and cornice the low winds waft,
A dirge to our listening ears ;
And each frieze, from its sculptured tablet
Seems weeping with stone tears ;
Where the gardens of Belus o'er Babylon hung,
And where Nineveh's walls were raised ;
Where the hundred portals of Thebes swung,
And old Tyre over ocean gazed ;
And where high upon Mount Moriah,
King Solomon's Temple blazed !

Oh ! that mountain of God, in the realms of my love,
 Hath a marvellous glory and worth ;
 And the Temple that rose its high places above,
 Covers more than Jerusalem's girth ;
 For its aisles are the highways of ages,
 And its courts are the zones of earth.
 O'er its mythical meanings and parabled sense,
 I have ponder'd, in childlike mind,
 Until, back through the ages, with yearnings intense,
 My unsatisfied heart hath inclined —
 Longing still for the word of the Master —
 The Word that no mortal may find !

In the dreams and the visions of fervent desire,
 I have mingled with Levite and Priest ;
 With the widow's son Hiram, and Hiram of Tyre,
 Sitting down at meridian feast ;
 And beholding King Solomon's glory,
 Arising, like morn in the East !
 With mine ancient brethren in masonry's craft —
 When my soul the lambskin wore —
 I have stood by the mystical corner shaft,
 And knelt on the tessellate floor ;
 With the glorious roof of the Temple,
 Like Heaven's roof, arching me o'er.

Under all the rude noises of battling thrones,
 And of realms that jar and strive,
 Flows the voice of our Master, whose tender tones
 Overbrooded the tender hive,
 When he spake three thousand proverbs,
 And his songs were three thousand and five ;
 When he sang of Mount Lebanon's cedar-tree,
 And of hyssop that springs from the wall ;
 Of the fowls of the air, of the fish of the sea,
 And of things in the dust that crawl ;
 Till the words of his love and his wisdom
 Enlighten'd and beautified all.

To the ruler of Sidon — the lord of the seas —
 Flies the word of Jerusalem's king,
 Saying, " Bid thou thy servants that Lebanon's trees,
 To Judean borders they bring ;
 And between us shall peace be alway,
 And blessing around us cling.
 From his wars and his sorrows King David hath rest,
 And he sleeps under Salem's sod ;
 But, with trembling and awe, at his high hehest,
 I abide in the paths he trod ;
 And I build on the Mount of Moriah
 A house to the Lord my God !"

Then, from the far-away forests of Lebanon come
 Great floats unto Joppa's strand ;
 And from Tyre and Sidon arises a hum,
 As of bees, overswarming the land,
 And it swells through the Valley of Jordan.
 In chorals of industry grand !
 Under manifold halos of column and arch,
 Through the soundless courts and aisles,
 At the word of their Master the Craftsmen march
 To their labors, in lengthening files ;
 While the Temple arises before them,
 From portals to golden tiles !

From the echoless earth, through the motionless air,
 How that beautiful fabric upgrows !
 From the heart of the King, like a voiceless prayer,
 How it mounts, in its fragrant repose !
 Bearing upward King Solomon's worship,
 As incense ascends from the rose !
 In their brass and their silver, their marble and gold,
 All noiseless the Crafts have wrought,
 Till, in grandeur of silence, their works unfold,
 As with life everlasting fraught.

By the glow of the greater and lesser Light,
 And the power of the Master's Word —
 By the Plummets of Truth, and the Level of Right,
 And the Square that hath never err'd —
 Through the work of a Master Mason,
 King Solomon's prayer was heard.
 At the fragrant morn, 'neath the golden moon,
 And the eventide's hour of balm,
 All the hearts of his Craftsmen were lifted in tune,
 Like the mingling of harmonies calm ;
 And the Temple arose on Moriah,
 A mighty Masonic Psalm.

Oh ! that Temple of God, from the house of the past,
 Shineth down o'er the centuried years,
 And my heart, through the veil of its mysteries vast,
 The voice of King Solomon hears,
 Asking me, with the sign of the Master,
 Why my soul no Temple rears ?
 With the Three Great Lights ever shining above,
 And the tools of my craft at hand,
 Why I build up no fabric of prayerful love,
 With the arch of a lifetime spann'd,
 And the wings of embracing cherubs,
 Overbrooding its yearnings grand ?

Oh ! the house of the Lord that our lives might raise,
 How it gleams from our fair youth-time !
 How its manifold arches and architraves blaze,
 Through the wilderness dust of our prime ;
 Yet our years, when they moulder to ashes,
 Behold us but wrecks sublime !
 For the house that we build in a lifetime's length,
 From the midst of our worldly din,
 Hath no Jachin and Boaz, ESTABLISH'D IN STRENGTH,
 And no Holy of Holies within :
 And we bear up no Ark of the Covenant,
 From out of our Desert of Zin !

There's a mountain of God in each human heart
 For that glorious Temple's base,
 And the lines of each loyal Mason's art
 May its grand foundations trace :
 And within it, the wings of cherubs
 May the Holy of Holies embrace !
 Through the beautiful aisles of the charmed past,
 How its wonderful harmonies swell !
 When their meanings arise, at the Templar's blast,
 From the mould of each darksome cell ;
 And the soul of the true no longer,
 With the dust of the false shall dwell !

When the thoughts of our morning shall royally plan,
 And the deeds of our day shall build,
 And the arch of perfection eternally span,
 With the measure our Master hath will'd :
 And the depths of our Holy of Holies
 With incense of prayer be fill'd !
 When the pillars of strength in our porch shall abide,
 With the lilies of beauty above,
 And the veil of the Presence, encompassing wide,
 Overshadow the ark of our love,
 And the peace of the blessed Shekinah
 Enfold, like the wings of a dove !

Oh ! the cedars of Lebanon grow at our door,
 And the quarry is sunk at our gate,
 And the ships out of Ophir, with golden ore
 For our summoning mandate wait ;
 And the word of a Master Mason,
 May the house of our soul create !
 While the day hath light, let the light be used,
 For no man shall the night control !
 " Or ever the silken chord be loosed,
 Or broken the golden bowl,"
 May we build King Solomon's Temple
 In the true Masonic soul !

Lilith---Adam's First Wife and Progeny.

It has been known to be a Rabbinic hypothesis that Adam had been married before Eve was "built" as a "help meet for him." It was blurted out by Goethe, when he describes Mephistopheles introducing a female demon to Faust, as "Lilith, Adam's first wife." We find her mentioned in the original Hebrew (*Isaiah* xxxiv, 14). "Lilith shall repose there, and find for herself a place of rest."

It appears that Lilith was created at the same time and in the same way as Adam. When they met they speedily quarrelled. He asserted he was to be her master. She insisted she had a right to be chief. Adam would not yield, and she in a rage uttered a spell-word, *Shem-hamphorash*. Immediately there issued a pair of wings from her shoulders, and she flew away from Eden.

Then Adam cried out in distress, "Master of the world, the woman whom thou gavest me has flown away." So three angels were sent after her, to find and persuade her to return. They found her at the Erythrean sea, east of Idumea. She obstinately refused to go back, declaring that Eden would be no paradise to her if she must be the servant of man. The angels went away, and came to her again, with the alternative that she would become mother of many children, all of whom would die in infancy. She was about to drown herself on hearing of this penalty. Her anguish moved the angels to promise her full power over all her children till the eighth day after birth, and she agreed in her turn that she would disturb no children that were under their protection. The woman of the *Apocalypse* to whom was given wings with which to fly away unto the desert away from the Ancient Serpent was plainly a counterpart.

This legend has been taken seriously by Jews and Arabs. The selection of the eighth day for circumcision may have relation to it. "The objuration of Lilith Abi," or keep away Lilith, which is inscribed and placed on the infants' necks, plainly tells as much. Perhaps this is the origin of the lullaby.

After a season, Lilith learned that Adam was solacing his grief with another wife. This was more than she could patiently endure. She did not care for Adam, but it was too much that there should be another woman in her place. So she won her way back to Eden and at the entrance met the serpent on guard.

Him she artfully beguiled of his form, and having assumed it herself, went in to meet her successful rival and procure the larceny of the forbidden fruit.

Legend and imagination have produced many theories and representations of this transaction. The most irrational theory appears to have been the one most generally accepted, and a ponderous theology has it for a basis. One picture represents Lilith as having an infant's face which aroused the motherly feeling in Eve, so that she overlooked the serpent-trail wound around the tree. Adam, esteeming Lilith as the more beautiful of the two women, was not difficult to cojole.

Other stories were current in the East, giving varying accounts. Samael was recognized by the Semitic world as chief of the apostate angels, the sinister potency, the one that denies. The Ishmaelites and Idumeans were his people. Jacob wrestled with him and for a long time did not prevail — it was Barter against Plunder — the balance against the sword.

This Samael, the Demon of the Desert, became the consort of the recreant Lilith. Their progeny was numerous, and another story has classed the offspring as the evil spirits that beset and mislead. Much of the folk lore of the world seems to be concentrated upon these legends.

A new light has arisen, however, to lead in another direction. Those who are ready to welcome truth from any source, and even something else, can obtain their illumination from this new fountain.

The *Chattanooga Weekly Blade*, presents a new speculation about the matter. The editor, Mr. Miller, is a gentleman of color, and discourses to a numerous constituency. He propounds the theory that Adam had a dark skinned wife, named Delinnah. The meaning and etymology are alike obscure. When the two came to meet each other Adam began arrogantly to boast that he had been created in the image of God, and therefore possessed the divine right of governing. This Delinnah resisted; God had created her too. Adam was no better than she was; being unable to agree they separated.

The Negro, editor Miller tells us, was created in the Garden of Eden thirteen furlongs east from where Adam and Eve were — about eight English miles (?) — and “he went to the jungles of Africa from the presence of Adam and Eve.”

Delinnah, who was another of that race, had a daughter who was attractive to the young man, Cain. This made too much friction in the family so that the mother and daughter withdrew to Africa. In less than a week Cain was in the jungle too, and from this alliance the Negro race had its origin.

The trouble about Cain and Abel grew out of this mesalliance. Cain, while living at home, persisted in going often to visit the girl of whom he was enamored. Adam would get after him about it, and he would "jaw back at the old man." Finally the old man got afraid of him and he set Abel to learn what he could of his brother and tell it to him. This incensed Cain and in his anger he killed Abel.

So we have two leading theories that are not exactly working hypotheses. In them both there is a first wife of Adam who resents the claim of supremacy in the household. But then comes the divergent maternity. Lilith is a mother of evil demons. Delinnah is parent of the colored race, as Eve was of the fairer race. Cain, may yet take an exception. In the book of *Genesis* he is described as the originator of the arts of civilized life; but the Chattanooga editor indicates far otherwise. It is a controversy of civilization and savagery for which we are not quite prepared, and but for what may be valuable in folk-lore, we would dump them all. — *Metaphysical Magazine*.

LAND HELD IN TRUST FOR JESUS CHRIST. Moberly, Mo., May 25, 1908. A remarkable real estate transfer has been discovered in the records of Randolph county. The deed covers 120 acres of lands, near Darksville, that county, to Jesus Christ. The deed had been made in 1850, by Johnson Wright and Ellen Wright, his wife, and had never been contested. The descendants of the couple have held the property "in trust" and have thrived upon it. The story is that being very pious they wished to return by deed of will and law to their Saviour the material blessings which had been conferred upon them in this life. — *Exchange*.

"There is a logos in every mythos; that is, a truth in every fiction."

"Mythology is the mother of philosophy,"

Fable is the twin sister of history." — *Religion of the Future*.

Adam Weishaupt. Order of the Illuminati.

Adam Weishaupt was born at Ingoldstadt, February 6, 1748 ; initiated at Munich in 1877 ; died at Gotha in 1811. In youth, he received his education from the Jesuits, against whom he seems afterwards to have entertained sentiments of the utmost animosity, which was returned by that body with interest. In 1772, he became a professor of law, and in 1775, professor of natural and canon law in the University of Ingoldstadt. This post had hitherto only been held by an ecclesiastic, and hence this excited the anger of the clergy. In defiance of them he formed a party of his own, and out of it grew the famous Order of the Illuminati, which at one time exercised an enormous influence. This Weishaupt was a much belied man ; and the best proof that the infamous reports circulated against him were not true, is to be found in the steady friendship he received from the amiable and virtuous Duke Ernest of Gotha, and from the statements respecting him made by impartial contemporaries. What he wished Illuminism to be, may be judged by the following summary of the qualifications of a candidate :

“ Whoever does not close his ear to the lamentations of the miserable, nor his heart to gentle pity ; whoever is the friend and brother to the unfortunate ; whoever is steadfast in adversity, unwearied in carrying out of whatever has been once engaged in, undaunted in the overcoming of difficulties ; whoever does not mock and despise the weak ; whose soul is susceptible of conceiving great designs, desiring to rise superior to base motives, and distinguishing himself by deeds of benevolence ; whoever shuns idleness ; whoever considers that no knowledge as unessential which he may have the opportunity of acquiring, regarding the knowledge of mankind as his chief study ; whoever, when truth and virtue are in question, despising the approbation of the multitude, is sufficiently courageous to follow the dictates of his own heart —such a one is a proper candidate.” — *Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie.*

“ The more I see of mankind the better I like dogs ” says a Cynic.

“ To reproach the gods is wisdom misapplied.” — *Pindar.*

“ Call in self-help, then ask the gods to aid,
For the gods aid the man who helps himself.” — *Euripides.*

The Comte de Gabalis.

ITS ORIGIN AND MEANING.

"Apropos of the admirably thought-out and connected preface of John Yarker to the second Bath edition of his most curious and paradoxical work, "INVICTUS" quotes that significant passage: On lit aussi dans la Sainte Ecriture, *Genese, chap. 6*, verse 14, que des géants sont nés du commerce des Fils de Dieu (the "Angels of God") avec les Filles des Hommes (the "Daughters of Men"). Ceci est la lettre même du texte sacré. "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that when the Sons of God came in unto the Daughters of Men and they bear children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old men of renown," which singularly appropriates itself as the probable factor suggesting the origin of our author's fascinating allegory, *esoterically*, the Rosicrucian marriage with the elementary or spirit life, as the *raison d'être* of the work, esteemed as a duty by the sages and cultivated with fasting, watching, prayer, and contemplation, and acquiring thereby that condition of spiritual repose, only in which inspired visions occurred. Thomas Taylor, quoting Plato in the *Phædrus*, writes: "Likewise in consequence of this blessed initiation, we become spectators of entire, simple, immovable and blessed visions, resident in a pure light; and, were ourselves pure, and immaculate, and liberated from this surrounding vestment, which we denominate body, and to which we are now bound as an oyster to its shell." Upon this Proclus observes, in *Theo. Plat.*, lib. iv, p. 193: "Initiation and inspection are symbols of ineffable silence, and of union with mystical natures through intelligible visions."

The importance of these inductive exercises, indispensable to the development of the end sought, is well known by occultists, and cannot be well overrated. *Verb. sat. sap.*

Plotinus complained to Porphyry that he had in his whole life only attained but six times to this state of spiritual union (mental exaltation) or mystical marriage, and though not definitely so stated in "Comte de Gabalis" it is obvious that the end of a magical (*i. e.* Magnetic) communication with Elementary spirits is to restore our Edenic correspondence between man and the harmonial world of spirits, which in effect would be a restoration of the celestial condition of primordial humanity.



HEBREW NAMES. "With regard to Hebrew names, I have not been rigorously exact in spelling them in their original forms, because the Jews themselves have departed from that principle in their ordinary practice. But it may be remarked in passing, that, in a translation of the Old Testament Scripture, that principle should never be given up. It is a subject of regret that in our (in so many respects grandly true and unsurpassable) English translation, the proper names should have been so defectively represented.

"The patriarchs, prophets, saints, and kings who once bore them, would scarcely recognize their own names in our version of them: for example, Moses for Mushe, Enoch for Chanok, Eleazar, for Elasar, Solomon for Shelomo, Rebekah for Rivkah, Nehemiah for Nechem'ya (three syllables), Zephaniah for Tsephan'ya, Zechariah for Zekar'ya, Ezekiel for Yechezekel, Isaiah for Yesháyah, Jeremiah for Yerem'ya.

"It is true that several of these metamorphoses are countenanced by the Septuagint, and even by the practice of the new testament writers who referred to it; but in making a professed literal translation of the Old Testament directly from the Hebrew documents, I submit that our translators were bound to follow the Hebrew orthoepy. The same canon will hold good in the version of any Oriental document in which proper names are recited. What right have we to alter them?" — *Jerusalem and Tiberias*; *Sora and Cordova*. (A Survey of the Religious and Scholastic Learning of the Jews; designed as an Introduction to the Study of Hebrew Literature. By J. W. Etheridge, Doctor in Philosophy. (Pp. vi-vii.) London, 1836.

AHIMAN REZON. "A worthy Brother inquires after the meaning of the title of the well know Masonic book, *Ahiman Rezon*. Of course, we shall satisfy his desire here outright, but we find now the proper opportunity to insert the following remark: A multitude of Masonic terms have been erroneously introduced among the craft, which have been mostly taken from the Bible, Talmud, and Midrashim in their original tongues. But, curiously enough, almost all have been rendered utterly senseless, so that many a Masonic student, who has no knowledge of the above languages and literature, fails to penetrate into the sublime mysteries of Freemasonry.

"*Ahiman Rezon* may serve as an illustration of our utterings. All the Masonic lexicographers were wrong in the explanation of these words, which is very simple in Hebrew: *Ah Min Razon*, that is, *Brother of Secrecy*. In many old Kabalistic works we find similar expressions regarding Brethren of the Secret Art." — *Bulletin of Proceedings of the Ancient and Primitive Rite*.

A New Year's Legend.

The origin of the snowdrop. A new solar year commences with each January, so we wish a very happy and bright New Year to all. The following little story is appropriate to tell at such a season :

It was a bitterly cold winter, long, long ago. Snow was falling fast, and the soft white flakes chased each other down to earth, as though eager to be at their journey's end.

Now some of these snowflakes, instead of falling on the ground, came tumbling down on a rose-bush, and piled one on another they clung to it for support.

By and bye the snow ceased ; a little later the sun looked forth on the snow-clad earth, and one of his rays falling on the rose-bush melted the clinging flakes just enough to make them into one soft ball of snow.

It seemed very harmless on his part, but the snowflakes very strongly resented his caress. "What right has he to interfere with us?" said one. "Here we are tied together through his folly, and no chance of getting rid of each other."

"It is a shame to treat us thus," agreed the rest.

So just because these foolish flakes could not each get away and amuse himself by himself they grew very angry, and very, very unhappy, whilst to their grumbling there was no end.

Now it chanced that Jack Frost and his friends, the North and the East Winds, heard the snowflakes grumbling and complaining, and they were sorry, for they knew how foolish and how wrong they were, so they set to work to see if they could do something to make them agree and be happy together.

They talked the matter over, and then the East wind whirled up the discontented snowflakes, and hurled them about hither and thither, until they were so very tired and weary, that they then begged to be let alone and rest with their brother flakes, they cared not where.

"Let us rest, East Wind," they begged, "please let us rest, we are so tired and weary."

And the East Wind heard their sad cry ; he ceased to blow

and handed them over to his brother, the North Wind, who carried them back to the earth, and laid them down to rest beneath the very same rose bush on which they had first fallen.

Left to themselves on the ground, the snowflakes began to melt, and sank into the earth. But they had not sunk far before they came to a thirsty bulb, which drank them up, and thus made them part of herself.

Time sped on, the bulb grew and grew, and the snowflakes grew with her, and they became part of the beautiful little flower we know as the snowdrop. For the discontented snowflakes are the leaves of this little blossom.

But when, in the form of a flower the foolish flakes first peeped out of the ground, the first thing they saw was the rose that had witnessed their quarrel, and they were so ashamed to think that they, who were now so happy together, should ever have been discontented and angry at having to remain beside each other, that the snowdrop has dropped her head ever since. — *The Crescent*, January 1, 1908, Liverpool, Eng.

To "COSMOS." The book you describe evidently is the following, a copy of which we have, but now out of print. Now and then a copy comes to light, and we will advise you should we see such :

Relics from the Wreck of a Former World, or Splinters Gathered on the Shores of a Turbulent Planet; Proving, to a Demonstration, the Vast Antiquity of the Earth, and the Existence of Animal Life, of the Most Fantastic Shapes, and the Most Elegant Colors, Rivaling those of the Rainbow, Millions of Years before the Appearance of Man. With an Appendix on the Scenery in a Patch of Infinite Space. To which is added: Accounts of the Most Wonderful Bodies, and Substances, that have Fallen from Heaven, in All Ages of the World, with an Analysis of Each. Illustrated with engravings. New York, 1847.

"It will not do for Christians to deny the conclusion, on the ground that the Mosaic narrative teaches that the earth is only about *six thousand years old*. This is attributing to Moses a sentiment which his language does not justify." — *W. Lindsay Alexander, D. D.*

Arcane Societies in the United States.

II

THE CEELESTO - TERRESTRIAL SOCIETY.

This is a Chinese Order and is known in more modern times as "The Triad Society." It exists in nearly every State of the Union, and among them is New Hampshire. Benevolence is a leading fundamental tenet. Powers are invested in "Three Brothers," who unitedly have the inherent prerogative to call juntos, transact ordinary business, and instruct neophytes. The obligation is given under an arch of steel, and consummates the membership. Some authorities state that it is quite Masonic while others think otherwise. This difference of opinion, however, may be manifested in the exemplification of the ritualistic work in the several States. Some over a decade ago, the Pacific press state that four Freemasons were present, by invitation, in Spokane, and a portion of the ceremonials were pronounced as similar to Masonic usage, in several aspects, but the Occidental Masons were not convinced that it was Masonry. They say "there were references to 'the immortal three,' circumambulation, four stations at which questions were asked and answers returned, kneeling on crossed swords, tea-drinking, burning incense, a 'traditional' season of refreshment, and signs at which the head and hands were used."

The ceremonies seem to parallel those of the "Hung Leage and Kolao Hui," from which it may be inferred the Spokane Chinese Lodge represents a benevolent branch of the Kolao Hui, of which it is said that less is known in China than here.

THE ORDER OF ELAM.

This Order was founded by "Cyrus the Elamite," in 1870, in Louisville, Ky. Pending a diploma of this Order, a thesis is a condition of graduation. "The position is elemental and physical, normal and planetary, moral, constitutional, and national." The thesis of Cyrus was: "God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Parah. *Selah.*" The esoterism is manifest to the "children of Light." The seal is the Burning Bush; the form is the human heart; the two top curves are Teman and Parah; the lower point is man — Triune. There are six degrees. (Three, six, nine.) "Our seal is the confirmation of the heavens." "The University of the Almighty." Teman means "the south," and Haran, "the calling" or a manifesto. We opine that "Cyrus the Elamite" was George Dunn, and think the Order is now dormant.

ANCIENT ORDER OF ZUZIMITES.

This Order is a secret society analogous to Masonry but in no way antagonistic to that Order, or the various outgrowths of Masonry. The Zuzimites are supposed to have been founded in the early part of the second century of the world as per biblical chronology. Authentic chronicles, says W. H. Abdullah Quilliam, mention the Zuzimite in the year of the world 2097, or according to Usher's chronology 3815 (1908) ago, who were "a people great and many" (Deut. ii, 21).

The Order recognizes 51 degrees, and a side degree of no importance now nearly obsolete. The 21 classified degrees are classified into eight series, each series has its degrees. Series : First is Zuzimitism proper, namely, Neophyte, Graduate, and Fellow. Then these series follow : Mark Zuzimitism, Celestine Zuzimitism, and Arch, Acetasite, Cabbalite, Armite, and finally Zam Zuzimites, or Zamzumims. (Deut. ii, 26.)

The subordinate bodies are Tents, and the governing body is Grand Tabernacle. Seven members can organize a Tent.

The superior degrees were not at first a part of the rite ; but these have at various times through usage, and finally by resolutions of the Grand Tabernacles, become recognized and acknowledged as a part of the system of the Zuzimites. The Celestine degrees were formulated in the thirteenth century.

The objects of the order are the creation and perpetuation of a fraternity that shall be universal, without distinction of creed, race, or color, and it aims to inculcate Friendship, Truth, Love, Purity, Fidelity, Truth, Charity, Humility, and Justice. The highest tribunal is the Most Right Worshipful Grand Sovereign Council of the World. The M. W. G. M. of the Grand Tabernacle of England is William Henry Abdullah Quilliam, Sheikh-ul-Islam of the British Isles ; and his Deputy for India is W. I. Mayer at Calcutta ; and his Deputy for New Zealand is Sidney Clifton Bingham at Christchurch. The Grand Recorder of the Grand Tabernacle of England resides at 52 Holland Street, Fairchild, Liverpool, England.

The 34th annual session was held in July, 1908, being in the year of Zuzimitism 3815.

The Order of Zuzimites was introduced into the United States, it is claimed, in New York, some forty years ago, but we have been unable to find the date, or any one who knows about its existence, or how long it lived.

ORDER OF THE SONS OF THE MOST HIGH.

The Manifesto of this new Order issued May 25, 1908, says :
 " In the name of the Spirit of Justice and Truth and Universal Independence of the World, Free Speech, Religious Liberty and Equal Rights are granted to all in the United States, but often the reverse proves true in practice.

" In order to restore the Justice and establish the Truth in Righteousness, the Son of Man has been manifested here since the beginning of the present century, and the Will of God regarding to realization of the coming Millennial has been declared repeatedly all over the world, even by this Order, " The Sons of the Most High," but has been most decidedly refused by the Church and driven out of the House.

" Being the Secretary of this Order, ' The Sons of the Most High,' I am the only man that knows something of the true nature of the things referred to above, and have in charge a most important message concerning things that shall take place in the near future. If any man may like to learn the particulars thereof, address C. R. Scharlandt, San Mateo, Calif."

The organ of this Order is " The New Union Messenger."
 " Spirit of Life and Light, Truth and Righteousness, Love and Hope in Obedience."

MYSTIC ORDER VEILED PROPHETS OF THE ENCHANTED REALM.

The Constitution and Statutes of the Supreme Council, containing 52 pages, states the objects of this Order which seems to be semi-masonic or makes Masonic the stepping-stone to it.

Preamble : " Although in order to secure the best interest of the Order and the most worthy material, none but Master Masons are eligible for its mysteries ; and although one of the objects of the Order is to benefit the Symbolic Lodge, and although in many cases the government may be guided by Masonic usage as the most perfect extant, it is to be strictly understood that in itself this is not a Masonic Order and the degree is in no sense a Masonic degree."

The subordinate bodies are called Grottoes, and the presiding officer of Supreme Council is styled Grand Monarch. Also, other officers are Grand Alchemist, Grand Keeper of Sagas, etc. These are addressed as Most Potent, Right Potent, Venerable, Grand Prophet, Chief Justice, Right Eminent, etc. Address Grand Secretary of the Order, Hamilton, N. Y.

THE ORDER OF THE ILLUMINATI.

This Order was founded by Adam Weishaupt in Germany on May 1, 1776, and was first called Order of Perfectibilists. Its members were first selected from the Freemasons, but it was not a Masonic institution. Weishaupt had twelve degrees. It bred much jealousy and animosity, and both sides published considerable literature which we will not particularize here. In the course of time many reorganizations have been made, and the various publications of the 18th century are practically of only historical interest to the Order today.

The modernized Order has nothing to do with any politics, and does not interfere with any forms of government or religious confessions. The Order as now organized in the United States aims at philosophical researches, and mutual assistance in ideal pursuits. It possesses a systematic course of instructions, which warrants Self-Knowledge, and Knowledge of God and Human Nature. The members are distinguished in the several degrees, and unite in Lodges, under established rituals. The Order is International and members may be admitted at large anywhere, and in such cases instructions are given by mail. All interested parties for further information may address "THE CUSTOS," 1031 8th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

THE ORDER OF ATMENA.

A society of those who believe in good things. The Temple of the Elect. Members are expected to assiduously cultivate a taste for the beautiful and artistic. The expositor of this cult is *The Machettee*, a unique visitor to its members, edited by George L. Thompson, Keene, N. H.

ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE.

We have only seen this Order on record and cannot obtain only meager information. Constancy was the cardinal tenet and the members were patrons of virtue. The meetings were called "Webs," and initiates were woven.

UNITED STATES OF EARTH, OR UNIVERSAL REPUBLIC.

This Republic was formulated and promulgated by George Prindle, McGregor, Iowa. "Five hours study, five hours work, each working day, for a well man or woman." For love, truth, purity. Lift all up to a higher plane of civilization.

THE ORDER OF THE GOLDEN RULE.

This Order is a Sisterhood and their Retreat is at "Mount Aden on the Heights." The members are prompted by aspiration to reach the Supreme Good, endeavor to practice continuously the Ten Virtues — resignation, the action of returning good for evil, temperance, probity, purity, control of the senses, knowledge of the holy books and of the Supreme Soul, truthfulness and abstaining from anger. They are trained to minister unto the needs of humanity — bodily, mentally, and spiritually.

Mount Aden on the Heights, New Mexico, is the haven for health-seekers, a secluded refuge to those who seek a temporary retirement from the strife and turmoil of life. The Golden Rule regulates the conduct of the members toward each other and also toward all who may be temporarily with them. They seek light from all sources. It is an individual privilege to seek the right interpretation, whether in the holy books of Persia, Greece, China, Egypt, or among the Buddhists, Mohammedans, Jews or Christians. They desire to live by the truest rules of life, so as to make the home a place of peace for the serene soul.

"The Gates of Gold," and "The Uranian Mystics" in "The Pathway to At-one-ment" is "A Message" to the world, sent for ten cents. They have published a pamphlet: "The Evolution of Man on the Planet Earth," compiled for the students of "Uranian Mystics," by a Co-associate. "Theo AUM Sophia." Mount Aden on the Heights, New Mexico. Annus 18,618,746.

Any one desiring to communicate with this Sisterhood may address SISTER ONFA, 1110 Eddy Street, San Francisco, Calif.

SOCIETY OF ORIENTAL MYSTICS.

This was an incorporated society existing in 1902. It was organized in Chicago, Ill., by Dr. J. T. Betiero. He claimed to communicate the true initiation of the Tarot to the members by mail or personally, and that it consisted of the Minor and Major Arcana. *The Philomathian* of Union City, Mich., was its organ, about 1903, which later ceased being published. Afterwards, Betiero's journal, *Oriental Mysteries* was published, and later a fire destroyed the office. Dr. T. J. Betiero then went to the Pacific coast. His address was 1015 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Calif.

ORDER OF ISHMAEL, ESAU AND RECONCILIATION.

This Ancient Eastern Order has a legendary history like that of the Freemasons, and no doubt has a claim upon the attention of mankind. But like the other history it is lost in the night of time ; its traditionary story being that Ishmael, on arriving at man's estate, constantly strove with his relatives, by pleasant officers and kindnesses, to reconcile himself with those of Abraham's seed, like himself. He was undoubtedly the elder brother of Isaac, and with him appears to have maintained peaceable and brotherly relations ; and in giving one of his daughters to Esau, the brother of Jacob, who like himself was supplanted in his birthright, Ishmael strove to perpetuate this happy union of the two principal branches of Abraham's stock.

We all know, however, by daily experience that these family jars cannot be so easily healed, and however frankly and generously the hand may be tendered, there is usually a breach over which there is no passing.

The history of Ishmael and his mother, and that of Jacob and Esau, form respectively the subject of the first 18 degrees of the Order of Ishmael as at present practiced. There are four Sections, with 36 degrees classed as follows :

Initiatory degrees, 9 ; Historical degrees, 9 ; Explanatory degrees, 9 ; Philosophical degrees, 9.

The government of the Order is invested in three supreme and equal powers, respectively known as Patriarch, Priest and King. The consent of all three must be obtained before the admission of any candidate. The postulate must be of mature age, of good breeding and education. The Mahomedan is obligated on the Koran, the Brahman on the Vedas, the Jew on the Old Testament, the Parsee by Fire, the Hindu by the Cow, the Protestant on the Gospels ; a special form of admission being specified in each denomination. It is not necessary that he be a Mason, but if so he will appreciate the degree better.

In the traditionary history of the Order there appears to have been a political section connected with it, but this has been entirely obliterated, and its object now is "enlightenment."

The Chiefs of the Order reside in the East, and two of three are east of Jerusalem. The Order is now organized in nearly all countries of Europe. It is now being introduced into the United States, several high grade Masonic brothers being now in possession of the degrees and ritual.

THE ORDER OF THE PHALANX.

"For the interest of those who are stuck on antiques the founder says he can truthfully say the Order of the Phalanx is the oldest thing in the world. The Order antedates history, going back even behind the dawn of creation, when the stars twinkled together over a formless world.

"No one is invited to join this Order to whom either antiquity stands as authority, or modernity as voucher for Truth. Only those who long for the complete unveiling of Isis, to perceive the Nude Ideal, and who are willing and anxious to divest themselves of all previous notions and prejudices, will enjoy a seat at our banquets, or understand the rhymes of our toast-master.

"The members of this modern Order are known as the *Phalanges*, or *Fingers* — the highest evolution of Action emanating from the Mind of Divinity. In these *Phalanges* the mind has been consciously placed, endowing them to grasp the real from the ideal, to materialize and mould all that is beautiful and desirable in life from out the substances of unseen realms.

"No price is asked, no promise made. Those who feel the throbbings of the Heart of Love, and the surgings of the infinite Life-Forces, will recognize what is in store when the veil is pierced and the dark glass polished."

Address the Editor of THE PHALANX, Los Angeles, California, (A Province of the United States).

ORDER OF THE MAGIAN MASTERS.

This Order in its document claims to be the most ancient of all occult Orders on record today. The propaganda claim that it was organized at different times in this world by Selected Messengers of the Divine Spirit who were entrusted with his Word. The deepest truths are not put out, nor can there be found a record of the greatest occult societies of the past. For those who are really in earnest in search of truth further information may be obtained by addressing Ada Bertoni, the G. R. O. M. M., 807 South Main Street, Bloomington, Ill.

THE ORDER OF THE ESSENES.

The modern Society of the Essenes is distinctly practical. Its foundation word is "Construction." It builds upon the belief that the God manifestation in all expressions of life is the result of combined Action of Love and Wisdom which is in one word — CONSTRUCTION.

The members of this Order meet at twelve o'clock every day together in thought and send to each other and all the world a thought message of construction. All sin, sickness, poverty and health must be dissolved from the earth planet, through constructive thoughts, words, and deeds of the race.

These Essenes teach and practice healing of the body, mind, and purse, and in the absolute overcoming of evil and the manifestation of perfection.

There are Essene Circles established in different cities and towns in all parts of the world, and others are being formed.

The headquarters of the World's Essene Circle is at Chicago, 1047 Carmen Avenue, Laura G. Fixen, Vice-President. The Secretary is Wallaker, Box 445, Denver, Colo., who will answer all inquiries addressed to him. Grace M. Brown is President.

SONS OF ZOROASTER, AND THE ZOUAVES.

The National Encampments of the Sons of Zoroaster, and the Oriental Order of Zouaves, at a joint convention in 1897, consummated a joint agreement to unite thereafter in one body. The new consolidation or organization adopted the name of the Oriental Order of Zoroaster, and the Grand Officers took rank alternately, beginning with the Zouaves. These officers are designated Grand Seignior, Grand Zoroaster, and Grand Zoroastum. The headquarters are at Washington, D. C. We have seen no late reports of their standing.

IMPERIAL ORDER OF MUSCOVITES.

This Order is of Russian characteristics. Organized in this country March 30, 1894, in Cincinnati, Ohio. While it is not connected with the Odd Fellows, yet it is stated to have been designed for them, as an after attachment, for parades, annual excursions, receptions, and banqueting. Much secrecy is manifested among its members. The first Lodge in the U. S. was called Kremlin-Moscow. The officers are Czar, Regent, etc,

ALTRURIAN ORDER OF MYSTICS.

This Order claims to lay the foundation of a grand system of education, practical and psychical, which is intended to harmonize the exoteric and esoteric, and these with the laws of happiness and life. The Order proposes an education at home or at a College of Mystics, to be located in any jurisdiction that has fifteen local schools or colleges. They offer protection to the members of the Order. For further particulars address the President, L. A. Fealy, Cullman, Ala.

ANCIENT ORDER OF ORIENTAL MAGI.

This Order claims a lineal descent from the Pharaohs, and to have the original parchment of the Ancient Magi. Every Magus represents the burning "Star of the Magi." The Supreme Temple is in Chicago, Ill., and it claims exclusive jurisdiction in the Western Hemisphere. News E. Wood was the Supreme Magus, and the organ of the Order was *The Star of the Magi*, edited and published by him from November, 1899, to December, 1903, four quarto volumes, at 617 LaSalle Ave., Chicago, Ill. (This Order is not to be confounded with the "Order of the Magi," before-mentioned, presided over by Olney H. Richmond.)

SECRET ORDER OF THE ESSENIC ASSEMBLY.

"The Essenic Assembly is a Secret Order, having three degrees, believed to be built upon an enduring foundation of justice and equity, and holding as a fundamental truth, that woman equals man."

"For more than half a century those who have dared to think outside the trammels of ancient thought have become more and more split up into factions until today there is in the United States and the other civilized countries of the world an almost innumerable host of little groups and knots of people professing varying shades of thought, recognized as unauthorodox in religion and philosophy."

Theosophists, Spiritualists, Monists, Christians, and Christian Scientists stand side by side in these Assemblies, while it holds to the Brotherhood of Man and the Oneness of Life.

Those who want to know more about this Order may address W. C. Shepard, Secretary, 2207 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

IDEAL ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

This new Order of Odd-Fellows, according to a communication to the New York *Truth-Seeker*, was organized in Kansas, in 1907. The "play" has been cut out, and also all theological emblems and prayers. Business is governed by a majority vote. Men at 18 years of age, or older, and women at 16 years, are eligible for membership. The cardinal virtues are Truth, Love, Friendship, and Fidelity, and these are represented by four links. The name is the "Ideal Order of Odd-Fellows," and an ideal ritual to correspond with the emblem shorn of all useless biblical quotations and antiquated expressions. S. B. S. Wilson is an officer, but address is not given.

THE CHICAGO ESOTERIC EXTENSION.

The Bulletin of this Esoteric Society announced that on June 4, 1896, it met for organization and a reception. Dr. Edouard Blitz, American representative of the "Groupe Independant d'Etudes Esoteriques de Paris," was present, and reported on the methods pursued by the French society, and he was instructed to formulate the plans and submit them for consideration and adoption, and on September 2, Dr. Blitz reported to a large meeting held at 512 Masonic Temple, Chicago, and it resulted in a complete organization on October 3, 1897. Objects: The study of Sacred Books, Mysticism, Tradition, Symbolism, and Heraldry; Sociology, Philosophy, Ethics, Literature, Art. Bulletins of papers read, lectures, proceedings, etc., published. W. S. Harbert, President; M. R. Kent, Secretary. Address W. J. Eustace, Box 1145, Chicago, Ill.

ANCIENT ESSENIC ORDER.

This was founded at Olympia, Wash., in 1888, by Charles J. Weatherby. Its object is to unite acceptable men into a fraternal society, based on the general beneficiary plans in the usual methods of stated assessments. It makes no claim to antiquity, but unites with its ceremonies some special features of history so as to call itself "ancient," at least in discipline. The badge of the Order is a Golden Crescent and Star. The head of the Order is Supreme Ruler, and resides in New York City. (The Essenic Orders should not be confounded with one another.)

FRATERNITY OF THE SONS OF OSIRIS.

"This fraternity has been founded in America to meet the demands of those who believe in the Higher Occult and Astrological Arts, and who have been unable to find an Order which is in harmony with their views," says the organ of this society. The fee for the first three degrees is five dollars. Protection and charity is promised to all Osirians. "The Son of Man," a book in three parts, price 25 cents, in paper, revealing the secrets of the true life. Dr. Ira L. Keperling, Richland Center, Pa., is Supreme Exalted Master of the Temple. Prof. A. H. Postel is Supreme Exalted Horoscopus, who gives the secret discourses on predictions. The official journal is *The Egyptian*, a magazine of the Ancient Initiation and Priesthood, quarterly, 50 cents a year. Vol. I, No. 1, July, 1908. (This fraternity is not to be confounded with the "Ancient Royal Order of Osiris," before-mentioned.)

THE SOCIETY OF ELEUSIS.

It is stated on the shield of this society that it dates back to B. C. 1356. It is founded on a portion of the ceremonies and tenets that have been divulged by the writers of early times; somewhat modified and modernized to conform to the existing environments. The motto of the modern Eleusinians in this country is "Quod hoc sibi vult? Commune bonum." The society usually holds a Grand Festival, with music, dancing, and commemorative exercises, including a banquet, statedly. The duodecennial was celebrated in Boston May 16, 1884, to which the editor of this compilation received a cordial invitation, a handsome gem of the printer's art. The third duodecennial would fall in the present year (1908); but we do not think it has been celebrated as yet. The secretary in 1884 was George H. Boynton (now deceased) a schoolmate of the editor. "Peace to his ashes and Rest to his soul."

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF UNITED ESSENIANS.

This Order was organized in this country in the 70's, and founded on mutual protection to its members. "It is designed to fill a place not filled by any other society, and to do a work that is much needed, but which is not as fully attempted by any other order now in existence," says its preamble. The address of its officers, or the secretary, is not given in its Constitution, published in Boston in 1881.

ORDER OF SAINT CATHERINE OF MOUNT SINAI.

The Order of Saint Catherine was founded A. D. 1063, by Robert de Lusignan, surnamed Bras-de-fer. At the present time the Order is entrusted and presided over by Prince Guy de Lusignan, who is in a direct line the succeeding Prince. The Royal House of Armenia, Cyprus, and Jerusalem founded three Orders, namely, the first, Order of the Sword; the second, Order of Saint Catherine of Mount Sinai; the third, Order of Melusine. Prince Guy de Lusignan has these at his disposal, the decorations of the Orders, and has conferred them on twelve loyal citizens of the United States (among them the editor of this compilation) for services rendered to humanity, the arts and sciences, literary pursuits and researches, the enlightenment of the race, and the Armenian cause. The Prince now resides in Paris and devotes himself to literary pursuits.

SOCIETY OF SILENT THOUGHT.

"Inspired by the Spirit of Truth there has gradually grown up this Society of Silent Unity, in which thousands in all parts of the world join every night at nine o'clock, in thinking for a few moments one thought, which is given each month in the magazine *Unity*," the organ of this society. It is \$1.00 a year. The society has been in existence fifteen years, and its membership now registers over 16,000. Address the Society, 913-915 Tracy Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

ORDER OF THE ORIOLE.

This Order belongs to the State of Maryland, and more especially to Baltimore. The parades are made with glittering display and much pomp, the scenes often representing the far East in the make up of the display in the procession. The night pageant of September 14, 1882, was one of great magnificence, and possibly has never been equaled. It illustrated "The Rama-Chandra," or briefly, "Rama-Avatara." It was taken from the Ramayana, one of the great epic poems of India.

A handsome octavo pamphlet was published by the Orioles, for distribution, entitled "The Epic of India," with a translation, illustrated with fifteen tableaux from the great poem.

We do not know how often the displays take place, nor the history of the Order.

THE HERMETIC BROTHERHOOD OF LIGHT.

This Brotherhood was organized in Boston, the Grand East, in 1895, on the roof of the then highest building, at meridian, with all *hands* pointing to the zenith ; Sol reigned supreme, and the canopy of heaven was the Dome. "The spirit moved on the faces" of the original four. Harmony has reigned in the Brotherhood since that "high twelve," and the correspondence has been continuous. All members are in possession of the Word. Secrecy and Silence are predominant watchwords. Paradigm—The Spiritual Sun, from "whose radiant Soul pulsates the living breath, the Life Principle of all that is or ever shall be. From this Divine Vortex proceeds the invisible Power that binds the vast universe in one harmonious whole."

The President resides in Illinois, the Vice-President, in New York, the Secretary and Treasurer, in New Hampshire. (This Brotherhood should not to be confounded with "The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor.")

ORDER OF THE SACRED HEART.

This Order existed on the Pacific Coast in the 80's, and we have heard nothing of it in recent years, but will make a note of it. There were six affirmations that required explicit assent. Recognition of the Solar Plexus as the heart of man physically ; the world as a Grand Man, a living being, and Palestine as the center or Solar Plexus thereof ; the central and true Heart of Love ; the Heart of Truth ; the Heart of History ; the Heart of Joy toward which I will ever strive by living from within, rather than from without. Motto of life was "Know thyself."

Prof. George Chainey was at the head of the Order, but he is now deceased. He (with Anna Kimball) edited and published *The Gnostic*, from April, 1885, to April, 1888, at Oakland and San Francisco, Calif.

ORDER OF THE ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

We have not much information as to the purposes and the objects of this Order, and think it must have been born quite recently. It is mentioned in a Chicago magazine of new and advanced ideas, and probably is in the van of progression, and in search of more truth. It publishes books that are said to be of much service to mankind. It assists in furnishing literature for the celebration of the race. Address Order of the Orange Blossoms, Los Angeles, Calif.

THE NEW YORK VEDANTV SOCIETY.

The Vedanta Society was organized in New York City in 1894 for the purpose of studying the Vedanta philosophy and practising its teachings. The society received its inception and impetus by Swami Vivekananda who was the exponent of that cult at the Parliament of Religions at Chicago in 1893, and afterwards visited New York City, and delivered a course of lectures before society and also in other cities. These lectures were published and widely circulated. They are on sale with other books of that cult at the Society's Rooms. The Society publish the *Vedanta Bulletin*, monthly, for the propagation of this philosophy. 135 West 80th St., New York City.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE WEST GATE.

This Brotherhood was founded by Charles H. Mackay, and is presided over by the founder. "Wealth, Fame, Power — all that the world can give sink into nothingness in the presence of restored Inner Harmony." While the Soul directs there is Growth. This Brotherhood is earnestly engaged in solving some of the inner mysteries of the microcosm — problems, if rightly solved the members believe will reopen Eden and insure harmony in all affairs of life — domestic, social, and national. The exponent of the West Gate philosophy is *The Oracle*, and the address is Bridgton, Maine.

THE ROCHESTER BROTHERHOOD.

This Brotherhood was formed in Rochester, N. Y., November, 3, 1887, by Josephine W. Cables. It flourished for several years and did good work in esoteric lines. There were about 100 members. Several works were published under its auspices, "Christos," and "The Perfect Man is the Anthropomorphic God."

BROTHERHOOD OF THE KINGDOM.

A society of men and women, "who believe in the Kingdom of God on Earth, and who have united to establish that idea in the thought of the church and to assist in its practical realization in the world." Comprehension of its Aims, Harmony of its Spirit, and Coöperation with its Desires, are the three cardinal qualifications for membership. Address: Walter Rauschenbusch, Corr. Secretary, 407 W. 43d St., New York City.

UNIVERSAL ORDER OF AGNOSTICS.

This Order was founded July 31, 1896, by Dr. John M. Currier, at Newport, Vt., U. S. A., and who is now its Supreme Grand Master. It is a secret and learned Order to which no one is admitted unless he is possessed with the requisite amount of learning, and that he gives evidence of the right kind of religious sentiments, and that he is possessed with strong mental attainments and unchangeable habits of thought. There are 21 degrees in the Order, and these are divided into three sections, or classes, according to the proficiency the candidate has made in the knowledge required of him by the rules and regulations of the Order. The admission fee for the 21 degrees is \$50.00, and there are no dues to pay. Address the Supreme Master, Newport, Vt., for further information.

ORDER OF THE SONS OF OSIRIS.

The Sons of Osiris is comparatively a quite modern Order. The degree is conferred upon those who have previously been invested with the regular degrees of the more established Orders of the day. It is said to be more extensively conferred than all other similar degrees; that the lessons intended to be exemplified by it are more satisfactory and that a better impression is made on the candidates. For further information address Secret Society Publishing Co., Columbus, Ohio.

ORDER OF THE WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM.

This modern Order was organized by Charles D. Magee, and he is the Supreme Chancellor, with his office at Room 905 in the Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill. Anna E. Manchester is High Priestess. The Shrine is governed by a Board of Directors, whose names are not given. We have no information as to its purpose, but have several letters of inquiry for its cult.

ORDER OF THE S. E. K.

This Order is an Adytum where a circle of students meet for the study of symbolism and its application to the psychical aspects of man. "I think, therefore, I am." The unfoldment of the cube is the crucifixion cross. The esoteric student can penetrate within the veil. Egyptological symbolism appears the leading study. We do not know what the initials stand for.

THE TRIBE OF GHOURKI.

This Tribe is located at Morgantown, West Va. Any one can join the Tribe by sending 25 cents to The Chief of the Tribe and receive twelve numbers of the official journal called *The Ghourki*, "the object of which is not yet known, but it is hoped that it may encourage the people among the hill Tribes who think and write." All must "have due reverence for the Chief and 25 cents in change." Address as above.

BROTHERHOOD OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT.

"And now abideth health, science, and holiness, these three; but the greatest of these is holiness."

Meetings are held on the 22d of each month. "Grant us the light that we may walk aright." *The Prophet*, a monthly, filled with messages to the members, and poems of thought, by the editor and leader, Kenneth Sylvan Guthrie, is 75 cents a year. Address General Secretary, Box 92, Medford, Mass.

COLLEGE OF THE HOLY NAME.

This College was instituted for the purpose and study of the Deific Name, to discover its etymology, interpretation, import, and pronunciation. Its seal is a circle with two diameters, one horizontal and the other perpendicular. On the horizontal is inscribed "Understanding," and on the perpendicular, "Will." The Principal is Carrie Darling McLaughlin. She edited and published a journal for a year or two. 1346 Riggs Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

ORDER OF THE SANHEDRIM.

This Order was organized July 26, 1887, at Detroit, Mich. Its primary purpose was a Press Brotherhood. Three classes, namely, 24 Priests, 23 Elders, 24 Scribes, making a total of 71, and with the presiding one who sits in "Moses' Seat" = 72. The officers of the National Sanhedrim are Patriarch, Father of Judgment, Referee, Senior and Junior Almoners, Senior and Junior Monitors; also appointive officers, Senior and Junior Notaries, and Pedagogue. The subordinate bodies are called "Little Sanhedrims. It is said to be very popular in the West and exerts much influence in newspaperdom. The main office is at Detroit, Mich.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH OF THE NEW ORDER.

This Church of the Grand Reconciliation was the ideal Church of the Future of the fertile brain of Stephen Pearl Andrews, the author of "The Basic Outlines of Universology," published in 1872, of 896 pages. He designated his new order The Pantarchy. He formulated the Universal Church of the New Order and published several lectures and charts of outlines in pamphlets during the 70's, but in 1886 he issued three tracts, namely, "The Book of Procedure." "Libertarians and Authoritarians." "Americanism and Old Worldism." The first named gives the basic governing principles, with doctrines and discipline, and "The First Metropolitan Church of the New Order" was to be founded that year in New York. Thirty had then signed the New Order, and Thaddeus B. Wakeman was to be the first pastor. The New University-State was to be the new Thinking Head of the World. The Universal Church of the New Order was to be ushered in as the "Grand Reconciliation."

"The Colloquium" had been organized by Mr. Andrews in 1882, as a prior step to the Church of the New Order upon this

Platform Motto : "In things proven, Unity ; In whatsoever can be doubted, Free Diversity ; In things not trenching upon others' Rights, Liberty ; In all things, Charity."

The Transactions of "The Colloquium" for 1882-1883 were pulished in an octavo pamphlet. These Transactions contain the opening paper of Mr. Andrews on "The Purposes and Possibilities of the Colloquium," a masterpiece of seventeen pages in 31 paragraphs — the Grand Reconciliation.

Mr. Andrews was an advanced thinker, far ahead of his time. The Colloquium was composed of the bright men of the time.

SOCIETY OF WIMODAUGHSIS.

This Society was organized about twenty years ago. The name appears to be somewhat arcane ; but the word is made from the first syllables of "Wives, mothers, daughters, sisters," "Wimodaughsis," and its business and objects are the education of women in political science ; the mutual improvement of women in art, science, and literature ; and to advance the interests of women in general. The address is Washington, D. C. "The term of existence of the Wimodaughsis is one thousand years from the second day of June, A. D. 1890.

OLOMBIA, OR THE NEW ORDER OF BUILDERS.

This Order of Builders, or Olombia, was founded in New York City, September 29, 1879, by Dr. William H. Von Swartwout, of which Order he was the President. The sub-orders or Branches manage and operate sources of supply, production, and distribution. Each individual gravitates to the Order as adaptability draws him. Such person will become inclined as he becomes enlightened. Six hours were to be a working day; five days a week; twenty days a month; ten months a year; and 29 years the Commonwealth working limit. The period of public service begins at the 21st year and ends with the 49th — and the 50th birth day commences every person's Jubilee. This service is Olombia's citizenship. Such then enjoy health, life, liberty, development, culture, and happiness, "without money and without price." He lectured in many of the larger cities of the United States and England on the New Olombia and its future happiness. He published several works on the ideal prospects, the most elaborate of which was "The New Political Economy," a quarto of above 200 pages. He was a man of fine physique, of much foresight, of great erudition; he certainly forecast the then future of political economy, as thirty years since has developed. The editor of this magazine entertained him in this city in 1895, and he gave a parlor lecture, to some twenty-five or thirty invited thinkers, on "Theosophy and the New Olombia Commonwealth," to the delight of all present. "Truthology" will be the watchword of the coming Truth Age. But that age has not commenced here as yet; but we are still optimistic. Dr. Swartwout presented the editor with all his published works; "The New Political Economy" contains a fine portrait of him — an ideal picture of intellectuality. He died in 1898. He, like many other shining lights, lived ahead of his time. A future age may appreciate his works.

ORDER OF THE ALFREDIANS.

This Order was active in Boston, Providence, and some other eastern cities about fifty years ago, but we think is now dormant. The last printed Constitution we have was dated 1873. It was designed for the descendants of that good and wise King Alfred, but others of his Stock were admitted. Alfred ascended the throne April 23, 861. Hence the Alfredians celebrate that date; and also the birthdate of Shakespeare's, the embalmer the Anglo-Saxon tongue.

THE NEW KINGDOM SOCIETY.

This is a new Society which had its inception at Gisborne, New Zealand. It is an outgrowth of and based upon "A New Religion," which has been formulated by C. P. W. Longdill, of that place, and published under the quoted title in a monograph of 70 pages; the object is to outline "the true basis of sexual morality and to show how the sexual instincts can be brought into harmony with the wants of a civilized humanity." In other words to establish a society whose central aim shall be to have fixed periods for marriage, with a separate marriage for each child.

A sequel to the above book, "The Law of Sexual Activity," has been published, and the two pamphlets have been received in this country to open the way for the introduction of the ideas of the marriage relations. The new methods propounded show the ethical advisability of establishing fixed seasons for the reproduction of the human species at intervals of every four years, making the love season to occur each leap-day year. While the author brings forward many arguments from the different species of animals and birds to support his theory on reform in the marriage relations, the world will be slow to adopt it. The books can be obtained of the author at above address for two shillings each.

ORDER OF THE GALILEANS.

This Order exists both north and south of Mason and Dixon's Line. The National Grand Tabernacle Constitution says it was incorporated February 27, 1869. The preamble says that "we select the small band of Galilean Fishermen for our example in laboring to promote the interests of mankind and the kingdom." Morality, Charity, and Brotherly Kindness. No particulars, nor address is given.

ORDER OF THE TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON.

This Order is said to be based upon the words of Job, a man in the land of Uz (xxxix, 4-8), and of Solomon (Canticle v, 15). The Stranger is escorted as a pilgrim to the Temple, and is shown there the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and is also taught an impressive lesson that ere long he will journey to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

ORDER OF THE MESSIANS, OR THE CROWNED REPUBLIC.

The Order of the Messians was formulated by a very erudite gentleman, Dr. Arthur Merton of Chicago, upwards of fifty years ago, and the whole system is founded on MAN. The brain is the perfect archetype of the system and the microcosm of the Universe. As these discoveries were developed he made elaborate charts of them and symmetrically arranged their locations and connections, all of which are published in his dozen or more works. We cannot go into details but will briefly outline some of them as given in "The Book of Life: the Discoverie and Writings of Sidartha, 6215 to 6240 A. M." Chicago, 1884. s

There are Seven Orders of Society: 1, the Group of 12 members; 2, the Band of 12 groups; 3, the Town of 12 bands; 4, the County of 36 towns; 5, the State of 144 counties; 6, the Nation of 36 or more states; 7, the Unation of Israel, or the Pivotal Nation. Banners and badges. Messianism rests upon twelve great foundations. The capital city of the world need not contain more than 144,000 as its fixed population. There should be a natural limit to the size of a city, as there is to the size of a man, and for the same reason, that is, for the convenience of working. The name of the Divine Father requires a new word to express its real significance. This name is Morêssa, and that of the Mother is Marina. The name of their Assistant is Mirosa. There are three distinct persons at the center of divine government. The word Yehovah cannot therefore be a true name unless it represent both a Father and a Mother.

The University of the Crowned Republic is the highest of all the grades. In the New Life of Israel, the organism of Society is so planed that the lower faculties must always be subordinate to the higher. The Divine mind consists of Wisdom, Love, and Will. The Unitary Temple is constructed on the general plan of the ellipse, like the brain. The science of Man has opened the gates of Paradise in revealing the laws of universal happiness in the human constitution. It explains alike the past history of man and the unfolding destiny of the nations.

Dr. Merton has published about a dozen works under several pen-names, usually in Hebrew, some of which names are these, Sidartha, Sivartha, Alshah, and Adesha. Some of the larger works "The Book of Israel," Sepherva; "The Book of Wisdom," Sepher Hekesim; "The Book of Life," Vonisa. "The Growth of Man." "Safena." "Visona," and others.

SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

This is a new Society and its propaganda folder says it is to stand for the simple life of truth, beauty, cleanliness, and purity of body, thought and action. It is new to those who have never realized their kinship to the race, and yet old, as old as the roof-tree of Creation itself to the initiated. Jesus said, "Who is my mother, and who are my brethren?" "The world is ours; all the precious gems of truth the race has gathered in all ages behind us are ours by the right of birth. The store-houses of Natures are not locked. There are no bars to the granaries of wisdom. The way of knowledge is an open road." "The long brown path before me leading wherever I choose."

The official journal of this new Society is *The Open Road*, published at Pigeon-Roost-in-The-Woods, Griffith, Lake Co., Indiana, R. F. D. No. 1. Subscription, fifty cents a year. All remittances are protected by Providence and Uncle Sam, says the prospectus. Bruce T. Calvert, editor and publisher. The journal will be printed as often as possible, and mailed monthly to members only in good standing.

SOCIETY OF SILENT UNITY.

This Society claims 16,000 registered members and its admonition is "Be still and know that I am God." Inspired by the Spirit of Truth. It has been in existence for eighteen years, with members all over the world. The silent hour is 9 o'clock in the evening, the spirit adjusting geographical distances. It teaches that words of Truth are living, and that such have the power to quicken, to free, to heal and prosper every one who receives them in faith. "We speak the living Word, and send it forth to all who seek it." "Lessons in Truth," paper 50 cts.; cloth, \$1.00. Address 913-915 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

SEVEN DEGREES OF THE TEMPLE.

These Degrees are what were known as the "Endowment," or the peculiar ceremonies of the Mormons in initiating a Spiritual husband and wife into the Mysteries of the Temple. An exposition by Thomas White. A pamphlet of twenty pages, with eight plates in one folding sheet, and four page pictures. Sketch of the Mormon movement, with statements of the Van Deusens, and exposition of the seven degrees as reported to have been performed in 1846 at Nauvoo.

THE THIRTEEN CLUB OF NEW YORK.

The Thirteen Club was organized in New York City on January 13, 1882, with thirteen members, and incorporated on September 13, 1882. Its motto is "*Morituri te Salutamus.*" The Club has held its regular meetings since its organization on the 13th day of each month at 13 minutes past eight o'clock, at which time a banquet is served, and only 13 persons can sit at each table, except the table for the "overflow." There are 13 officers, as follows: Chief Ruler, First and Second Vice Rulers, Scribe, Receiver, Custodian, Toastmaster, Marshal, Intendant, Gazetter, Historian Artist, Archivist. The 25th anniversary was elaborately celebrated on January 13, 1907, and 25 elegant annual Reports have been published and distributed to the members, and others, among them the editor of this compilation, who for years has received complimentaries.

The names of the original thirteen members are: Daniel Wolff, Lehman Israels, William Fowler, Henry A. Heiser, Samuel A. Reed Charles Sotheran, James A. Reed, Richard Fitzgerald, George P. Rowell, Edwin Dew, Julius Witskowski, John Mills, and Marvin R. Clark. Twelve of the thirteen have died like men, welcoming death, without fear or favor, the law of nature. The last, Marvin R. Clark, is the sole survivor, or was living September 22, 1907, when the editor passed a most pleasant hour with him in New York City; he was a most estimable man, an all round newspaper man, writer, editor, and the moving spirit of the New York Press Club, at which the writer first met him. The writer also was personally acquainted with others of the first thirteen, Fowler, Heiser, Sotheran, and Rowell, besides others now deceased, and some living.

The names of five Presidents are on the Roll of 79 Honorary Members, Roosevelt, McKinley, Cleveland, Harrison, Arthur. The active Roll of Membership contains 339 names which is the limit; while on the Waiting Roll there are 45.

The average attendance at the banquets has been 236. The Club's headquarters are at the KNICKERBOCKER because of its 13 letters. There have been twelve Chief Rulers; David McAdam serving five, and Fred C. Hamilton six successive years.

The annual Transactions contain the annual addresses of the Chief Rulers, and other officers, with other poems and proceedings. Report of officers; obituaries; statistics combating *Superstition*; menus, membership, portraits, etc. Twenty six reports have been published.

ORDER OF THE CROSS AND THE SERPENT.

The Cult of the Cross and the Serpent, according to a writer who has given us an exposition of its teachings in *The Morning Star*, published by Peter Davidson, Loudsville, White Co., Ga., is coeval with man. The life of Jesus was its practical symbolization, and his death was the typical culmination, illustrating the only true way by which mankind can be saved; but those divine and sublime teachings were completely effaced soon after the crucifixion and subsequent translation of Jesus, the Great Master of the Cross and the Serpent; four hundred years had rolled by when there neither remained a single vestige nor resemblance of genuine Truth, as taught by the Master, since it is a veritable fact that all the present religions, whether those of America, Europe or Asia, are to a great extent the opposite of that of their original founders — Moses, Jesus, Confucius, Buddha, Krishna, and others.

It is the duty of the Cult of this Order to resuscitate those grand and Vital Truths, says the author, from the ashes and debris of the dead past. The day of true spiritual awakening is at hand when the light of spiritual revelation will illumine the fables of the past, and enlighten those who are hungering and thirsting for substantial and life satisfying knowledge.

The basic teachings, the process of propagation of such, the organizing and developing the lost knowledge are set forth in the above-mentioned magazine (Vol. XIII, Nos. 1-10, May, 1904, to February, 1905, inclusive). The expounder ("LIGHT") of this Cult also advises those who are interested to read that recently published book, "The Life and Discourses of Jesus, the Great Master of the Cross and the Serpent," 1904. 380 pp. \$2.00. Published at the same office above.

The ultimate object will be the establishment on the Mount of Jehovah's choice, the Central City and Temple of Jehovah, after the detail plan and pattern which have been shown in ineffable visions and revelations.

Enquirers will live and labor in perfect freedom of life. The Novices will remain such for two years; they will live in seclusion and under the Order of Silence: they will wear the attire of Novitiates. The Novitiateship requires no Vow of Obligation, and after two years such can return to the world if they desire to. Neophytes are those who have graduated in the first degree. Neophytes will be called upon to accept a particular vocation in the Order of Nazarites. The interested can address "LIGHT," care of Peter Davidson, Loudsville, Georgia.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE NEW LIFE.

"The Brotherhood of the New Life" is a monograph of 18 pages, setting forth the facts, laws, and purposes of this confraternity. We think it took form and was organized in Manchester, England. Its members are those who believe in the revelations and writings of Thomas Lake Harris, which works have been published and distributed, mostly gratis, for over fifty years past. The membership of this Brotherhood are distributed throughout the world wherever Mr. Harris was known. The object of the fraternity is to publish books on, and disseminate the lofty ideals of the Seer of the nineteenth century. The first book published by the Brotherhood that we have is "The Breath of God with Man. An Essay on the Grounds and Evidences of Universal Religion." By Thomas Lakes Harris. "He breathed on them, and saith, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost.'" New York and London, 1867.

Arthur A Cuthbert, Birmingham, England, was the Secretary for Great Britain. The American branch was located at Fountaingrove, Santa Rosa, Calif., and we think that is the present address. Mr. T. L. Harris "passed on" from the Finite to the Infinite, on to the beginning of true life, on to a larger growth of development and power, March 23, 1906.

THE ORDER OF THE NEW LIFE.

The Order of the New Life seems to have been first organized in Vineland, N. J., in the early 80's, and it appears that Horace Bowen, M. D., was one of the prime movers in the founding of the same. The journal of the Order, entitled *The Overshadowing Power of God*, was published December, 1884, No. 1 : and March, 1885, No. 2, at Vineland, N. J. ; and after then it stated to address the Order at South Pasadena, Calif. The next official work that appeared was "The Law of Laws," containing "A Synopsis of the New Philosophy," a royal octavo, of 116 pages, in paper covers, price, \$1.50, published by the Order, at Quincy, Illinois. This work still announced a larger and fuller work at \$2.50, with chart and plates. Healing was the main object, and the foundation of the Kingdom of Heaven laid upon the Earth. Where the Order is now located, or whether active or dormant, we cannot say.

Some of the former members of this Order of the New Life are now enthusiastic adherents of the newly established religion known as Babaism, which publishing house is in Chicago, Ill.

ORDER OF HEPTASOPHS, OR SEVEN-WISE MEN.

The Order of Heptasophs was introduced into the United States at New Orleans, La., April 11, 1852. and has a continuous record now of over fifty-six years. The Supreme Conclave of the U. S. was organized five years later in New York City. The Order has had the services of some of the brightest intellects, ripest scholars, and sterling characters, of which this country could ever boast. The Order is planted from the Gulf to the Lakes, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

From whatever mental soil they may have originally sprung, the germs of philosophy and wisdom were wafted from Persia to Greece, and finding a lodgment in the Greek mind, it grew and fructified into broader and grander proportions than had been known on its native soil; and although the Order inherits this from two of the grandest nations in ancient times, Persia and Greece, yet it especially cherishes the higher advancement of the Seven Wise Men of Greece, namely: Periander of Corinth, Bias of Priene, Pittacus of Mitylene, Cleobulus of Lindus, Chilo of Lacedæmon, Solon of Athens, and Thales of Miletus.

Rollins, the Historian of Persia, says: "The Magi of Persia were the sages and philosophers of that country, as were the Gymnosophists, and Brachmans of India, and the Druids of Gaul — that they were visited by people from the most remote countries to be instructed in wisdom and philosophy."

The Heptasophians are so well known, like other large and old Orders that we shall only give a brief notice of such in these paragraphical sketches.

THE ISRAEL HOUSE OF DAVID.

The Shiloh of this People is located at Benton Harbor, in Michigan. They publish an attractive monthly paper of eight pages in colored inks called *Shiloh's Messenger of Wisdom*, at fifty cents a year, devoted to "The Ingathering of Israel." "And unto Shiloh shall the gathering of the people be." (Gen. xlix, 10.) Many perplexing questions are answered by the editor, Benjamin. They believe 144,000 will find the way and be prepared to meet their Lord." They have published several books, also which are for sale, setting forth their views, "The Book of Wisdom," and "The Star of Bethlehem." Also "The Flying Roll," by James J. Jezreel, called the Sixth Messenger. Address Mary and Benjamin, Benton Harbor, Mich.

UNIVERSAL IDEALIST UNION, OR FRATERNITY OF INITIATES.

The Universal Idealist Union, organized under the device: "For Altruism and Idealists," was formulated in 1896 upon an appeal sent out to some of those who believe in *Beautiful*, the *True*, and *Good Ideals*. The responses from all parts of the world demonstrated that the time had then arrived for the revival of the ancient Fraternity of Initiates. Therefore, the U. I. U. was placed upon a working basis that year.

The Union is world wide and its members reside in nearly all countries. It has a scientific aim, as well a humanitarian one and it is preparing the way for a Congress of Idealists, and Mystic Sciences; while at the same time it leads to the advent of the Universal Fraternity. The Union in the name of Love makes an appeal to all the intellectual and spiritual lights for the reconstitution of the Flambeau of Truth. We ask the co operation of all those who believe, who love, and who will, in order to enlarge the already wide circle of our affiliations, and to extend over the surface of the entire globe the network of this Association of "Peace and Good Will," destined to become a religion among religions; a State in the midst of States; a family in the heart of families, so that everywhere may be found men, who will welcome each other as brothers, as fellow citizens, as co-religionists, whatsoever may be their race, their countries, or their beliefs.

Some of the National Unions have published many theses and essays on a large variety of subjects in handsome covers for distribution to the members and for exchanges, in several languages.

Dr. Edouard Blitz, 540 W. 146th Street, New York City is at the head of the American Branch. Seven pamphlets have thus far been published under its auspices and distributed mostly gratis, and others may be published in the near future.

1. Universal Idealist Union. Objects, and its propaganda.
2. Cæsar Virgin and Virgin's Son. By Nathanael.
3. The Riddle of Man's Life Explained. By Nathanael
4. Hermes Trismegistus. By Carl Michelsen.
5. The Lusignans. Sketches. By Dr. Edouard Blitz.
6. Dreams, and Their Phenomena. By Carl Michelsen.
7. Social Science and Freemasonry. By Dr. Edouard Blitz.
8. Secret of Jesus. By Octavius B. Frothingham.

Further information can be obtained and some of the published literature by addressing the editor.

HERMETIC BROTHERS OF LUXOR.

The H. B. of L. originated, as we understand it, in England. Its membership was about equally divided between that country and this. Its teachings were elevating philosophic, ethic, and contained much that was helpful to those searching for light. The divine scintillations of the Eternal will each in its own time complete its own "Cycle of Necessity." The Brotherhood was divided into three grades. In America the arrangement of these was subdivided, and somewhat modified from its Eastern forms. It is referred to in a footnote in "Isis Unveiled." Some internal dissensions ruptured it about twenty years ago. While it reorganized and for awhile continued to publish some messages, lectures, and books, yet its influence and prestige waned, and we think is now dormant. Its Adytum was located at Denver, Colo. M. Theon was Grand Master of the Exterior Circle. There were 9 degrees before one arrived to Adeptship. Seven members constituted the American Council. Initiation, grades, degrees, lessons, etc., were communicated as the novice showed ability to receive such. The circumambulation of the arcana of scripts and documents worked beneficially to each. The last printed work distributed to the advanced members was "The Mysteries of Eros." *Omnia vincit veritas.* Quarto, 52 pages. Expressly arranged for the Exterior Circle.

THE ORDER OF JUSTICE.

This Order is but little known. Its propaganda circular gives some information. It says that Zarathustra, Enoch, Noah, Job, Moses, Abraham, and Jesus, each in turn, were Messengers of glad tidings, but could not establish the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. The plan for inaugurating a new movement is then stated and how to accomplish it. The prospectus is published over the name "POLARIS." Pearl Mc. Farland, Secretary, 259 East 26th Street, Chicago, Ill.

ORDER OF SONS OF SAINT GEORGE.

This Order is an organization formed in the United States in the early 70's as a sort of counterpart to the Molly Maguires, as we are informed by some authorities, and, we think, first in Utah. Its membership most exclusively consists of Englishmen, and it was first formed for self-protection, and of late has attached a money benefit to itself.

ORDER OF SAINT CATHERINE OF MOUNT SINAI.

This Order was founded in the year 1063 A. D., by Robert de Lusignan surnamed Bras de-fer. At the present time the Order is entrusted to and presided over by Prince de Lusignan, who is in the direct line the succeeding Prince. The Royal House, of Armenia, Cyprus, and Jerusalem, was the founder of three Royal Orders, namely: the First, Knight of the Sword; the Second, Knight of Saint Catherine of Mount Sinai; the Third, Knight of Melusine. Prince Guy de Lusignan, having at his disposal the decorations of these Orders, and being ever ready to recognize merit in those who have been instrumental in promoting the arts and sciences, propagating humanitarian principles, and altruism, has conferred the decorations of honor on twelve loyal citizens of the United States (among them the writer hereof), for services rendered to humanity, the arts and sciences, literary pursuits and written theses, the uplifting and enlightenment of the race, and the Armenian Cause. He has decorated about one thousand with the honors. He is now a resident of Paris, and devotes himself to literature and the good of humanity.

SONS OF JONADAB.

The Sons of Jonadab are a society of men that date back many, many years. They base their objects and resolutions on the command of their namesake, found in Jeremiah xxxv, 6: "We will drink no wine, for Jonadab, the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, 'Ye shall drink no wine, *neither* ye nor your sons forever.'"

The Sons of Jonadab flourished in the eastern States, more especially New England, fifty years ago or so, but in later years declined on account of the more modern Orders based on the like pledges and covering the entire nation. The sons were very orthodox, for any member breaking his pledge could never be reinstated. The Sons are dormant or affiliated with others.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF RECHAB.

The Daughters were first established in Boston, March 15, 1845. They based their pledge on the command that Jonadab, the son of Rechab, gave to their posterity (Jeremiah xxxv, 6). Their motto is "Mercy and Truth are met together." They select and quote eight other texts for admonitions as the guides of a pure and exemplary basis of character. This society is now dormant as an organization, we are told.

The Epistle of the Corinthians

To St. Paul the Apostle.

(Found in the Armenian Bible as an Apocryphal Writing.)

TRANSLATED BY LORD BYRON.

1. Stephen, and the elders with him Dabnus, Eubulus, Theophilus and Xinon to Paul our father and evangelist and faithful master in Jesus Christ, Health.

2. Two men have come to Corinth, Simon by name and Clebus, who vehemently disturb the faith of some with deceitful and corrupt words ;

3. Of which words thou should'st inform thyself :

4. For neither have we heard such words from thee, nor from the other apostles :

5. But we know only that what we have heard from thee and from them, we have kept firmly.

6. But in this chiefly has our Lord had compassion, that, whilst thou art yet with us in the flesh, we are again about to hear from thee.

7. Therefore do thou write to us, or come thyself amongst us quickly.

8. We believe in the Lord, that, as it was revealed to Theonas, he hath delivered thee from the hands of the unrighteous.

9. But these are the sinful words of these impure men, for thus do they say and teach.

10. That it behooves not to admit the prophets :

11. Neither do they affirm the omnipotence of God :

12. Neither do they affirm the resurrection of the flesh :

13. Neither do they affirm that man was altogether created by God :

14. Neither do they affirm that Jesus Christ was born in the flesh from the Virgin Mary :

15. Neither do they affirm that the world was the work of God, but of some one of the Angels.

16. Therefore do thou make haste to come amongst us :

17. That this city of the Corinthians may remain without scandal :

18. And that the folly of these men may be made manifest by an open refutation ; Fare thee well.

The Deacons Thereptus and Tichus received and conveyed the epistle to the city of the Philippians. When Paul received the epistle although he was then in chains on account of Statonice the wife of Apopholanus, yet as it were forgetting his bonds, he mourned over these words, and said weeping :

It were better for me to be dead, and with the Lord. For while I am in this body, and hear the wretched words of such false doctrine ; behold, grief arises upon grief, and this trouble adds a weight to my chains, when I behold this calamity, and progress of the machinations of Satan, who searcheth to do wrong.

And thus with deep affliction Paul composed his reply to the epistle.

The Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians.

(Found in the Armenian Bible as an Apocryphal Writing.)

TRANSLATED BY LORD BYRON.

1. Paul in bonds for Jesus Christ, disturbed by so many errors, to his Corinthian brethren, Health.

2. I nothing marvel that the preachers of evil have made this progress.

3. For because the Lord Jesus is about to fulfil his coming, verily on this account do certain men pervert and despise his words.

4. But I verily, from the beginning have taught you that only which I myself received from the former Apostles, who always remained with the Lord Jesus Christ.

5. And now I say unto you, that the Lord Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, who was of the seed of David,

6. According to the annunciation of the Holy Ghost, sent to her by our Father from heaven ;

7. That Jesus might be introduced in the world, and deliver our flesh by his flesh, and that he might raise us from the dead.

8. As in this also he himself became the example.

9. That it might be made manifest that man was created by the Father ;

10. He has not remained in perdition unsought,

11. But he is sought for, that he might be revived by adoption.

12. For God who is the Lord of all, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who made heaven and earth, sent first the prophets to the Jews :

13. That he would absolve them from their sins, and bring them to his justice.

14. Because he wished to save first the house of Israel, he bestowed and poured forth his Spirit upon the prophets ;

15. That they should for a long time preach the worship of God, and the nativity of Christ.

16. But he who was the prince of evil, when he wished to make himself God, laid his hand upon them.

17. And bound all men in sin.

18. Because the judgment of the world was approaching.

19. But almighty God, when he willed to justify, was unwilling to abandon his creature ;

20. But when he saw his affliction, he had compassion upon him.

21. And at the end of the time he sent the Holy Ghost into the Virgin foretold by the prophets.

22. Who believing readily, was made worthy to conceive, and bring forth our Lord Jesus Christ.

23. That from this perishable body, in which the evil spirit was glorified, he should be reprov'd, and manifested, that he was not God.

24. For Jesus Christ in his flesh had recalled and saved this perishable flesh, and drawn it into eternal life by faith.

25. Because in his body he should prepare a pure temple of justice for all ages ;

26. In whom we also when we believe are saved.

27. Therefore know ye that these men are not the children of justice, but the children of wrath ;

28. Who turn away from themselves the compassion of God,

29. Who say that neither the heavens nor the earth were altogether works made by the hand of the Father of all things.

30. But these cursed men have the doctrine of the serpent.

31. But do ye by the power of God withdraw yourselves far from these, and expel from amongst you the doctrine of the wicked.

32. Because you are not children of disobedience but the sons of the beloved Church.

33. And on this account the time of the resurrection is preached to all men.

34. Therefore they who affirm that there is no resurrection of the flesh, they indeed shall not be raised up to eternal life,

35. But to judgment and condemnation shall the unbeliever arise in the flesh :

36. For to that body which denies the resurrection of the body, shall be denied the resurrection, because such are found to refuse the resurrection.

37. But you also, Corinthians ! have known from the seeds of wheat, and from other seeds ;

38. That one grain falls dry into the earth, and within it first dies ;

39. And afterwards rises again by the will of the Lord induced with the same body :

40. Neither indeed does it arise the same simple body, but manifold, and filled with blessing.

41. But we must produce the example not only from seed, but from the honorable bodies of men.

42. Ye also have known Jonas the son of Amittai ;

43. Because he delayed to preach to the Ninevites, he was swallowed up in the belly of a fish for three days and three nights :

44. And after three days God heard his supplication, and brought him out from the deep abyss ;

45. Neither was any part of his body corrupted, neither was his eyebrow bent down ;

46. And how much more for you, oh men of little faith !

47. If you believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, he will raise you up, even as he himself hath risen.

48. If the bones of Elisha the prophet falling upon the dead, revived the dead,

49. By how much more shall ye, who are supported by the flesh and the blood and the Spirit of Christ, arise again on that day, with a perfect body ?

50. Elias the prophet embracing the widow's son raised him from the dead,

51. By how much more shall Jesus Christ revive you on that day with a perfect body, even as he himself hath risen ?

52. But if ye receive other things vainly,

53. Henceforth no one shall cause me to travail : for I bear on my body these bonds

54. To obtain Christ, and I suffer with patience these afflictions to become worthy of the resurrection of the dead.

55. And do each of you having received the law from the hands of the blessed prophets and the holy gospel, firmly maintain it ;

56. To the end that you may be rewarded in the resurrection of the dead and the possession of life eternal.

57. But if any of ye not believing shall trespass, he shall be judged with the misdoers and punished with those who have false belief.

58. Because such are the generation of vipers, and the children of dragons and basilisks.

59. Drive far from amongst ye, and fly from such, with the aid of our Lord Jesus Christ.

60. And the peace and grace of the beloved Son be with you! Amen.

(*Lord Byron's Armenian Exercises and Poetry, Venice, 1870.*)

Enigma Philosophicum.

" *There is no light but what lives in the Sun,
There is no Sun but what is twice begot,
Nature and Art the parents first begun;
By Natures twas, but Nature perfects not.
Art then what Nature left in hand doth take,
And out of one a twofold work doth make.*

" *A twofold work doth make, but such a work
As doth admit division, none at all,
(See here wherein the secret most doth lurk,
Unless it be a mathematical.
It must be two; yet make it one and one.
And you do take the way to make it none.*

" *Lo here the Primmer Secret of this Art:
Contemn it not, but understand it right;
Who faileth to attain this foremost part,
Shall never know Art's force nor Nature's might,
Nor yet have power of one and one so mixed,
To make by one fixed, one unfixed fixed."*

Proclamation From King Solomon-Jesus.

The Holy One gave King Solomon-Jesus the Keys of The Sanctuary, in Yaattawah (late Brighton), and the Revelation entitled "The Covenant Week of Daniel ix, 27," in connection with The Sanctuary, and spake unto me, Queen Caleodeapeah-Jesus, saying :

It is My Will that Thou, King Solomon-Jesus, cause an issue of The Covenant Week of Daniel to be published in "The Daily Gazette," which Prince Salem-Jesus shall forthwith prepare.

The Holy One Revealed by me, Prince Salem Jesus, saying :

"The Daily Gazette" is the outside of the outer door of the porch of The Tabernacle of the Saints of Light, Arregosobah, whereunto shall be attached the copy of the Revelation entitled "The Covenant Week of Daniel ix, 27," have a photograph of the Hove Cemetery affixed thereto (CHRISTOVAH).

I Jehovah God-Amon direct this to be done by the hand of King Solomon-Jesus, as the sign and open proclamation unto all creation, that The New Covenant made between Amon God and King Solomon-Jesus for all Israel — which was broken in the midst of the Week by the fleeting triumph of the beast, false prophet, and man of sin, William Booth, of the Sacrilegious Society, over The Holy People, The Army of Jehovah and of King Solomon-Jesus, by the pollution and desecration of The Sanctuary of Jehovah with will-worship, the abomination that hath made desolate The Heritage of God — hath now been renewed, on the firm and eternal basis of The Holy God-Head Four, united unto man by the indissoluble and unbreakable Cement of Divine-Human Obedience compounded by The Lord Jesus Christ and King Solomon-Jesus. This New Covenant of Amon-God and King Solomon Jesus for all Israel hath been made effectual unto the Salvation, Deliverance, Eternal Blessing and Divinity of all created things; ALL having been grafted into The Double Stock of Abraham by the hand of The Gardener-Royal, even Son Bodige-cashigah Jesus, The Keeper of The Vineyard of Amon-God and King Solomon Jesus, which is The Universe and all that is therein; while the photograph of the Hove Cemetery affixed to the Revelation, doth bear witness unto the end of the baal-worship and abominations of Professing christendom, even the wages of sin, which is death, in contradistinction to the blessed results of the Work of Our Army, which are Eternal Life and Blessedness, the Union with Amon-

God and King Solomon-Jesus, made the possession of all for evermore. And behold Professing christendom is dead and rests in the grave until the end of the Millennium, when those who while in the old creation were members of the Professing church shall arise, no longer will worshippers, but My obedient children ; for the names of all are written in The Lamb's Book of Life, and The Eternal inheritance of each is secured in The New Covenant of Amon-God and King Solomon-Jesus, and recorded in The Mind of Jehovah God-Amon, which is Sovereign Ursakah-Jesus, and in the experience of all creation Godward, represented by Prince Salem Jesus, the back turned to the smiters, and the open hands for the reception of all the blessings of Amon-God and King Solomon-Jesus on behalf of every created thing.

It is My Will that these instructions be affixed to the copy of the Revelation entitled "The Covenant Week of Daniel ix, 27," and the whole attached to the outer door of the porch of The Tabernacle, as hereinbefore described.

Attested by the Life of Zarah within me, and confirmed by The Witness of Jehovah God-Amon and King Solomon-Jesus.

PRINCE SALEM-JESUS, Recorder.

KING SOLOMON-JESUS.

ARREGOSOBAB, Portslade, Sussex, England.

Zolo, □ Duah, ○ Nipo, + Biassico Millennium.
(Name of month, 17 day, 13 month, 48 year of the Millennium.)
(A. D. 19, 2, 1901.)

On the manifestation of judgments according to the Manifesto issued by The Army of the Lord, all creatures will know that all Prophecy is fulfilled ; the end of the old creation hath come, and The Kingdom of God is established upon the earth.

The Sabbath of Jehovah God-Amon — The Millennium — hath commenced.

So all shall know if these are the Words of God, or the words of man — on this we stand or fall.

Full information of the The Army of the Lord may be obtained by addressing IMPERIAL BUSINESS, Arregosobab, Portslade, Sussex, England.

(GOD-JEHOWOODVAH.)

(The former Manifesto of King Solomon-Jesus was printed in NOTES AND QUERIES for January, 1908.)

The Twelve Messengers.

Edward Vaughan Kenealy (born 1819, deceased 1880), was the author of a remarkable collection of works, which were published anonymously (some of them), and others under his own name. His original plan was to collect into a series of volumes the sacred books (as he had planned it) of the twelve Messiahs, or Messengers, of the world for about ten thousand years, making some 24 books with commentaries. Of these six volumes were published in thick octavos :

1. The Book of God : the Apocalypse of Adam-Oannes, with Introduction, and Commentary ; three volumes.
2. The Book of Enoch (bound in one and in two volumes).
3. The Book of Fo (or Fo-Hi).

The above books totalize 3292 pages. The author's death interrupted the continuance of the volumes. He announced that The Book of Brigoo, and The Book of Zaratusht (Zoroaster) were well advanced in preparation.

The author laid out his plan, of the cycles of the past ages, about as follows : that 24 Ancients, or Holy Men of God first ruled or guided the spiritual aspirations and welfare of all men, each for 100 years, which completed four Naroses, or 2400 years, and then the first Naros, a cycle of 600 years, was commenced as the period for the resuscitating of lost truths, for the renewing and inspiring men in their desires and devotions. At that time, *Anno Mortalium* 3000, the first Messenger of God appears. The following synopsis gives the author's scheme :

1. "Adam, *Anno Mortalium* 3000. The prophet of Central Asia. He was of the Red race, or of *red earth*, as the biblicals put it. Adam was the reformer of Scythism, and the author of the sacred Apocalypse, a spiritual history of the earth. The false copy, called Revelation, is at the end of the Bible. His sacred book was republished by the Twelfth Messenger.

2. Enoch, A. M., 3600. The prophet of Atlantis, now submerged. His priests went as far west as the Americas, where the ruins of temples and pyramids may be seen at this day. His sacred book was republished by the Twelfth Messenger. The false copy was published by Archbishop Laurence.

3. Fo-Hi, A. M. 4200. The first prophet of the great Yellow Race. He is called Noah in the Bible. He was not a

Hebrew, but was a native of Central Asia. His was one of a number of celebrated names that were put into the Hebrew scriptures from time to time by the high-priest or other exalted personage, who had, for the time being, the custody of their sacred writings. He would not hesitate for a moment to do that which would give an authority or glorification, though false, to those predatory creatures, his countrymen, the Jews. The religion of this Messenger is called Fo-ism and Boodhism. Memorials of him are existent. He became prime minister of China and emperor. He was the first great law giver of the earth. His sacred book was republished by the Twelfth Messenger.

4. Brigoo, A. M. 4800. The prophet of the Hindoos, and author of the true Vedas. The present Vedas are not his work. Boodism, Druidism, Brahminism, Magianism, in fact, all the oldest religions were and are different forms of one grand original, or Monotheism, as promulgated by the first five Messiahs.

5. Zaratusht, or Zoroaster, A. M. 5400. The prophet of the Persians. He was the author of the true Zend-Avesta, the Everlasting Fire-Word. The extant volume is a corruption of his book.

6. Thoth, A. M. 6000. The prophet of the Egyptians. He is Hermes Trismegistus. The monuments of Egypt still proclaim him.

7. Amosis, or Moses, A. M. 6600. The prophet law-giver of the Jews. He is call Thothmosis. He was the author of the book of Job, a novel. It is not in his form, nor complete as we have it. The present so called five books of Moses are not his work. The Jews have always been very careless with their sacred books. He took the sword against sinners. He was slain by Joshua.

8. Lao-Tseu, A. M. 7200. The second prophet of the great Yellow Race. Du Halde says that his books are extant, but, as it is supposed, much disguised by his followers. He was celebrated for his meekness and wisdom. His religion is called Lao-ism, though it is not now as pure as he left it.

9. Jesus, A. M. 7800. The second prophet of the Jews, and through them Europeans and Americans have received religious books, though much corrupted. He traveled as a pilgrim in search of knowledge, and acquired all the oriental sciences.

He began to preach in his forty-ninth year, and was crucified about three years later. He left his books to his disciples who were ignorant men. Probably they were afterward destroyed, being accounted as magical. He was a re-incarnation of Amosis or Moses.

10. Mohammed, A. M. 8400. The prophet of Arabia, and author of the Koran. The present Koran is not his work. It was corrupted by his secretary and others. His zeal for Monotheism and against idolatry is well known. He endured much persecution, and resolved to use the sword against sinners. He was poisoned by a Jewess.

11. Genghis Khan, A. M., 9000. The third prophet of the great Yellow Race. He re-established Monotheism, but used force, and made a code of laws. He was called King of Kings, as he held the sovereignty of a vast empire.

12. Kenealy, A. M. 9600, The prophet of the British Isles. Born, 1818; died in London, 1890. He was a re-incarnation of Genghis Khan, and the greatest advocate of his time. His mission was to restore Monotheism, the ancient true religion, which is so well worthy the name, and is suitable for all on the earth."

"At the end of this cycle there will be a great catastrophe. The earth will be depopulated, and its entire face changed. Jesus said that the exact time of this change has not been revealed to any."

"The cycle of 600 years, to a second, is well-known to astronomers as a perfect period. Every part of the universe is in exactly the same relation to every other part that it was 600 years previously, and so stars and earth proceed in their endless cycles. The loving All-Father has ordained that regularly in each of these periods his will shall be declared to a section of his lapsed children of this and the other earths. All the more important nations have had a revelation from heaven, directly or indirectly. For good reasons, these facts have never been made known to the multitude, but in the present age may be known to all."

The above quoted synopsis of the Twelve Messengers is taken from the preface, by Charles W. Hillyear, of "The Testament of Jesus, by Kenealy the Twelfth Messenger of God." published by Mr. Hillyear, 223 St. Alban's Road, Watford, England. The book is sent by mail by sending him one shilling and eightpence, 40 cents, which includes postage.

The Druid Records.

THE DRUID RECORDS show that the earth at the Northern midwinter and Southern midsummer is at the end of the pendulum swing towards the North pole of the Stars. Then the Sun pulls on the Southern hemisphere until the earth has sufficient momentum to carry it to the other end of the pendulum swing — when it is Northern midsummer and Southern midwinter. Then the Sun pulls on the Northern hemisphere and the earth returns to its former position, Northern midwinter and Southern midsummer.

As the Northern hemisphere leaves its midwinter position covered with moisture and gets directly under the Sun vegetation begins and ripens until the earth has reached the Southern end of its swing, and at autumn being directly under the Sun without moisture vegetation perishes and midwinter again brings renewal.

If the above is correct, from a pendulum motion North and South yearly, we could expect a North and South change of position in the stars. From observations at Greenwich on a star directly overhead, modern astronomers agree that that star, Draconis, does move North and South yearly. With the means at their disposal and their great scientific knowledge, modern astronomers will soon be able to prove whether Druid records have been preserved accurately.

WALTER RICHARDSON, Carlton, Australia.

Lord's Prayer in Esperanto.

Patro nia, kiu estas en la ĉielo, sankta estu Via nomo, venu regeco Via, estu volo Via, kiel en la ĉielo, tiel ankau sur la tero. Panon nian ĉiutagan donu al ni hodiau, kaj pardonu al ni suldojn niajn, kiel ni ankau pardonas al niaj suldantoj; ne konduku nin en tenton; sed librigu nin de la malvera, car Via estas le regado, la forto, kaj la gloro terne. Amen!

"THE CITY OF THE FOUR" KABEIRI. Hebron, or *Kirjath-Arba*. Kirjath-Arba signifies "the City of the Four." According to the legend, it is that city that *Israim* or an Initiate found the famous Smaragdine Tablet on the dead body of Hermes.

Reincarnation from Tadpole to Man.

BY LANGDON SMITH.

When you was a tadpole and I was a fish in the paleozoic
 And side by side on the ebbing tide [time,
 We sprawled through the ooze and slime,
 Or skittered with many a caudal flip
 Through the depths of the Cambrian fen,
 My heart was rife with the joy of life,
 For I loved you even then.
 Mindless we lived and mindless we loved
 And mindless at last we died ;
 And deep in the rift of the Caradoc drift
 We slumbered side by side.

The world turned on in the lathe of time,
 The hot lands heaved amain,
 'Till we caught our breath from the womb of death,
 And crept into life again.
 We were Amphibians, scaled and tailed
 And drab as a dead man's hand ;
 We coiled at ease 'neath the dripping trees
 Or trailed through the mud and sand,
 Croaking and blind, with our three clawed feet
 Writing a language dumb,
 And never a spark in the empty dark
 To hint at a life to come.

Yet happy we lived and happy we loved,
 And happy we died once more ;
 Our forms were rolled in the clinging mould
 Of a Neocomian shore.
 The eons came and the eons fled,
 And the sleep that wrapped us fast
 Was riven away in a newer day,
 And the night of death was past.

Then light and swift through the jungle trees
 We swung in our airy flights,
 Or breathed in the balms of the fronded palms
 In the hush of the moonless nights.

And oh ! what beautiful years were these,
 When our hearts clung each to each ;
 When life was filled and our senses thrilled,
 In the first faint dawn of speech.
 Thus life by life, and love by love,
 We passed through the cycles strange,
 And breath by breath and death by death
 We followed the chain of change.
 Till there came a time in the law of life
 When over the nursing sod,

The shadows broke and the soul awoke
 In a strange dim dream of God.
 I was thewed like an Auroch bull,
 And tusked like the great cave bear ;
 And you, my sweet, from head to feet,
 Were gowned in your glorious hair.
 Deep in the gloom of a fireless cave,
 When the night fell over the plain,
 And the moon hung red o'er the river bed
 We mumbled the bones of the slain.
 I flaked a flint to a cutting edge,
 And shaped it with brutish craft ;
 I broke a shank from the woodland dank
 And fitted it, head and haft.

Then I hid me close to the reedy tarn
 Where the mammoth came to drink —
 Through brawn and bone I drave the stone,
 And slew him upon the brink.
 Loud I howled through the moonlit wastes,
 Loud answered our kith and kin,
 From west and east to the crimson feast
 The clan came trooping in.
 O'er joint and gristle and padded hoof,
 We fought and clawed and tore,
 And cheek by jowl, with many a growl,
 We talked the marvel o'er.
 I carved that fight on a reindeer bone,
 With rude and hairy hand,
 I pictured his fall on the cavern wall
 That man might understand.

For we lived by blood and the right of might,
 E'er human laws were drawn
 And the age of sin did not begin
 Till our brutal tusks were gone.
 And that was a million years ago,
 In a time that no man knows.

Yet here tonight, in the mellow light,
 We sit at Delmonico's ;
 Your eyes are deep as the Devon springs,
 Your hair is dark as jet.
 Your years are few, your life is new,
 Your soul untried, and yet —
 Our trail is on the Kimmeridge clay
 And the scarp of the Purbeck flags,
 We left our bones in the Bagshot stones,
 And deep in the Coraline crags ;
 Our love is old, our lives are old,
 And death shall come amain :
 Should it come today, what man may say
 We shall not live again.
 Then as we linger at luncheon here,
 O'er many a dainty dish,
 Let us drink anew to the time when you
 Were a tadpole and I was a fish.

Robinson Crusoe.

There is much in this life that is dreary ;
 Many cares that are human one loathes,
 We are fated to labor till weary
 For nothing but food for our clothes.
 If only the marvel might be,
 How willingly, gladly I'd do so —
 Yea, fly to an isle in the sea,
 And live like poor Robinson Crusoe

Yes, often I muse of an island,
 For desolate distance I crave ;
 Its loneliness wakens a smile, and —
 'Twere lovely to live in a cave ;

There's something idyllic in goats ;
 For apparel and milk there are few so
 Useful : one need not buy oats,
 He did n't — poor Robinson Crusoe !

Each day in the week were a high day ;
 No bother of servants were there ;
 With a humble and dutiful Friday
 The question would vanish in air.
 No duns, and no money to pay :
 Not a thing over which we here stew so ;
 No plumbers, no moving in May, —
 O fortunate Robinson Crusoe !

He had never had use for a tailor ;
 His hats were all made by himself ;
 He'd all that he wanted, this sailor ;
 He had cause to take pride in his pelf.
 With all one could wish for in life
 He gave thanks for his pleasures that grew so ;
 No extravagant children, no wife —
 No wonder that Robinson crew so !

Financial depression or panic,
 All ills with which nations are fraught,
 In a beautiful isle oceanic
 How trancing to think they were naught.
 With existence a pleasure supreme
 Surpassing the visions of Rousseau,
 One's fancy is dazed by the dream —
 How happy was Robinson Crusoe !

'Twere delightful to end all this striving
 For money, or litter to fade —
 In feverish cities this hiving
 For honey that's bitter when made.
 Perhaps you may deem it a jest ;
 I have n't the heart to chaff you so,
 Was ever a mortal so blest ?
 Who would not be Robinson Crusoe ?

— *Boston Transcript.*

Arcane Societies in the United States.

III

I YOU COMPANY SCHOOL.

“ ‘There is no religion higher than Truth.’ There are three great truths which are absolute, which cannot be lost, and yet may remain silent for lack of speech.

1. The soul of man is immortal, and its future is the future of a thing whose growth and splendor has no limit.

2. The principle which gives life dwells in us, and without us is undying and eternally beneficent, is not heard or seen, or smelt, but is perceived by the man who desires perfection.

3. Each man is his own absolute lawgiver, the dispenser of glory or gloom to himself, the decreer of his life, his reward, his punishment. . . . These three truths, which are as great as life itself, are as simple as the simplest mind of man. Feed the hungry with them.

“ *Octaves Organize Heart Centers.* Place yourself in this center and say this is my signature: I am this Monad. I include all things from . to ○ (*A Monad's Signature.*)

“ God geometrizes in fire, air, water, earth — and worlds appear, from Atoms to Universes. Mathematics of Involution and evolution explained and demonstrated with geometrical models and diagrams to be a sex law of growth, a geometrical progression in cell formation, growth and consciousness, demonstrating a fourth dimension or condition.

“ We develop your power of concentration and introspection by teaching you to *observe, analyze, and synthesize.*

“ There is one God and Form is his Messenger. Every Form is a temple of the living God.

“ ‘Science and Religion are One,’ poem, by Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Edgar L. Larkin, Director of Lowe Observatory, Echo Mountain, Calif., commends the geometrical forms, that is (1156 piece), as skillfully made and handled.”

“ Seek and ye shall find. The quickest way to reach ME is through the hearts of your brothers.” “ Man, know thyself.” “ From the Crystal to the Christ.” “ The heart is the door of the Soul. The Soul is the Temple of Love. Love is the Mother of all things. Spirit is the Father of Love.”

For further information, address “ I-You-Company School,” 107 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

THE ORDER OF NATURE.

The Order of Nature is a scientific, fraternal, religious organization capable of recognizing the important truth that *Truth Eternal* is the great need of the times. Nature is semi secret in that it withholds from the easy grasp of man the deeper truths till he may rightfully possess them. It was this Order that first attracted the mind of man and caused him to look heavenward for enlightenment and knowledge.

The operation of the Order is directed from its Supreme Center. Lodges may be established anywhere. Temples of the Order are permanent homes and owned by the Order. The Degrees are based upon the Cubic Formula and the Quadrature of the Circle as symbolized in the figure expressive of the magnetic functions of our solar circle and Man's co-ordination therewith. The Universal Circle is open to all. A sufficient number of the Universal Circle can obtain a charter for a Grand Lodge for one or more quarters of the Grand Circle for ceremonial initiations. Three degrees, ranging one, two, and three dollars respectively.

The doctrinal statement and code of morals and ethics consists of sixteen explanatory fundamentals. The 12th is this:

"We believe in the ebb and flow of life, the ever moving and changing cycles of time, and the cosmic involution of worlds, and evolutionary stages of formative life through successive embodiments, to the higher radiations of the soul's immortal abode; and that an understanding of these principles enables one to grasp and appreciate 'The Grand Word' of the law embodied in the Great Pyramid Cheops which symbolizes and expresses the Divine Drama of Existence."

The 13th to the 16th inclusive are based upon knowledge possessed by the Circle of the Illuminati, hence, are stated only to initiates of this Circle.

"*The Call Universal.* This movement calls for teachers and leaders in all parts of the world. The field is large and the time is ripe for action in the great cause of Scientific, Fraternal, and Religious Illumination and Adjustment. Let all who may come and bask in the radiations from this store of knowledge to which has been contributed the light and wisdom of ages; that they may, from the mountain of error, pluck the diamond of Truth."

For further information address Supreme Center, Order of Nature, Caxton Building, Chicago, Ill.

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE DRUIDS.

According to Druidism, the oldest religion, Creation is advancing towards Perfection by the exercise of Reason. Commencing in Space, Reason created air, water, mineral, vegetation, and animals. and each species was created for a definite purpose in the long ages of development. The Africans were created and their seed reigned 10,000 years ; then the Asiatics were created and tried to reign for 10,000 years, but like the Africans, they lost every vestige of what they had been taught by the angels, and the barbarians were restricted by Apollo to Asia and Africa.

Next, corresponding to the 12 sons and 12 daughters of God in the Sun, the seeds of the 12 brothers and 12 sisters of the primitive European family were brought from the Sun by the angels who nursed and taught them Music, Language, Numerals, Astronomy, Architecture, and how to provide for themselves. They were taught that the Sun was the home of God, and his Consort, and their 12 Sons and 12 daughters ; and of the soul, or individual, to which it returns to reap its reward when the earth body is no longer a suitable habitation for it. These very brief extracts of the origin of the Druids are from the account of the religion according to the testimony of Pella Crissa the 831st Chief Custodian of the Druid Mysteries in succession from John surnamed Europa who established Druidism, and this testimony was given in the 9,998 of the European Era, or 1893.

The Revelations of Apollo. The Revelations of Apollo were received by a Priestess of the Classical Church in the Temple at Pagasæ. She uttered the teachings while unconscious, in Celtic, the language used in the Sun. As she knew nothing of that language the Priests of the Temple, who had been educated by these ancient Celtic Druids, recorded and handed the Revelations to the Three Custodians of Druidism. (These Revelations were published in the *Carlton News*, Melbourne, Australia, for July, 1902 ; also, reprinted in *Notes and Queries*, Manchester, N. H., for December, 1906, Vol. XXIII.)

The above synopsis of the Ancient Druids is taken from the "Druid History of Creation," prepared and printed by the Deputy Custodian of Druidism, in Australia. It is a pamphlet of 24 pages, illustrated, and the interested should send ten cents for a copy, which will give the Ancient Druidism and also the Revelations of Apollo. Address Walter Richardson, 640 Drummond Street, Carlton, Melbourne, Australia.

UNITED ANCIENT ORDER OF DRUIDS.

In 1781, the modern Ancient Order of Druids was formed in London. It promptly took on the character of a secret Order for fraternal and benevolent purposes. It utilized the ancient history and traditions of the Druids for the basis and ceremonials of its ritualistic work. Something essentially different from Freemasonry and Odd-Fellowship, yet pointing to virtue and morality, was wanted, and the modern Druids found it in the accounts of the mystical rites and the teachings of the Druidic priesthood.

The Ancient Order of Druids ultimately resolved itself into the Ancient Order and the Loyal Order, during the ordeals that took place from 1780 to 1820. From the first Druidic Order arose the United Ancient Order, and from that, in 1858, a faction seceded and called itself the Order of Druids. The ceremonials of the United Ancient Order is far more elaborate than that of the youngest branch, and it is in the older branch that the American United Ancient Order finds its origin. The three remaining Orders of Druids are the Ancient, the Loyal, and the Order of Druids, in England.

Therefore, the United Order of Druids, in the United States, is a moral, social, and beneficiary secret society, and is reported to exist in 23 States, and is affiliated with the Order in England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, and Australia.

The United Ancient Order was organized in New York city in 1834, but this Grove did not live but a short time. In 1839, George Washington Lodge No. 1, was instituted in the same city, and from that time onward the Order grew continuously, and a governing body was formed which afterward became the Supreme Grove of the United States. Thomas Wildey of Odd-Fellowship fame, was admitted a member of the United Ancient Order of Druids, and the *Druiden Zeitung*, the official organ of the United Ancient Order, in Germany, announced that Thomas Wildey organized the first Lodge of this Order in New York in 1833. There appear to be some anachronisms among these dates of introductions.

Suffice it to say the Supreme Journal of Proceedings of the United Ancient Order in the United States give over 500 Groves, and rising 28,000 membership. The address of the Supreme Secretary is Henry Freudenthal, Albany, New York.

There are two standard works on Druidism: "History of the Celtic Religion, Learning, Druids, Priests," etc., by John Toland, Edinburgh, 1815; and "Mythology and Rites of the British Druids," by Edward Davies, London, 1809.

ORDER OF THE SERPENT.

The Order of the Serpent was formed a few years ago in the Philippine Islands. It is built upon the history and traditions of a Philippino tribe, known as the Khatie-Punans, who worship the snake as their Deity and live by levying tribute much in the same manner as the Black Hand. The members of the tribe have a triangle branded on their left breast with a "K" in each corner, and a sunburst in the center.

During the Philippine insurrection, Walter McAron, who is now Grand Gu-Gu Grandissimo of the Order, together with fifteen other American soldiers, were captured by the Khatie-Punans, so that they are well acquainted with the customs and manners and traditions of the K.-P's organization.

This Order has been introduced into the United States and subordinate bodies are being organized in many of the States.

One of the spectacular features is the parade of members as Snakes in costumes, representing every tribe in islands of the Philippines, from the Tagalog to the Igorotto. The Khatie-Punan, the Great Snake, heads the smaller ones, and he inserts the royal sting of the jungle for those wishing to learn the mysteries of the Order when the initiates are instructed. The emblem of the Order is a Serpent; the emblem carried at a recent parade in Boston, Mass., was said to measure 150 feet in length.

The Order, we are informed, at present is organized as a special feature for the benefit of the Spanish War Veterans.

The Grand Junta, or Grand Gu Gu Grandissimo of the Order, may be addressed at Defiance, Ohio.

MODERN ORDER OF THE WHITE MAHATMAS.

This Order was organized in Minneapolis, Minn., some ten years ago by several astrologers for the purpose of a larger acquaintance and a closer relation with congenial spirits. The Leader is Fred. R. White, editor and publisher of *The Adept*; associated with him was R. Hollingsworth, announced as a leader in market predictions; Leona White, the astral reader. It was announced to be one of the psychic centers of the United States. We have not heard from it of late. The present address of the Order is Crystal Lake, Minn.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

OBJECTS AND AIMS OF THE SOCIETY. The principal aim and object of the Theosophical Society is to form a nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste, or color. The subsidiary objects are : The study of ancient and modern religions, philosophies and sciences, and the demonstration of the importance of such study ; and the investigation of the unexplained laws of nature and the physical powers latent in man.

The Theosophical Society was organized in New York City, U. S. A., November 17, 1875. The officers chosen were Henry S. Olcott, President-Founder, *Ad vitam* ; Seth Pancoast and George H. Felt, Vice-Presidents ; Helena P. Blavatsky, Corresponding Secretary ; John S. Cobb, Recording Secretary ; Henry J. Newton, Treasurer ; Charles Sotheran, Librarian ; William Q. Judge, Counsel for the Society. The first Branch in America was organized at Rochester, N. Y., July 27, 1882, by Josephine W. Cables. Mrs. Cables established, edited and published *The Occult Word*, the first Theosophical journal in America. Four volumes were published, quarto, April, 1884, to April, 1889, inclusive. The Theosophical Society originally was founded as a secret association, having its secret sign, password, and grip ; but after some twelve years these were abandoned. In 1888 the Esoteric Section of the T. S. was suggested by Dr. J. D. Buck to Wm. Q. Judge, which was formulated by the latter, and approved by the former, and then the whole was taken to H. P. B., in London, to complete the real organization. It was to be the "Heart of the T. S.," but this lasted but eight years, and its members know its chapter without notice here.

At the Ninth Annual Convention of the American Section of the Theosophical Society, held in Boston, Mass., April 28-29, 1895, William Q. Judge and his following seceded from the American Section, and organized an independent body under the name or title of "Theosophical Society in America," over which William Q. Judge was chosen President, *Ad vitam*. Wm. Q. Judge deceased March 21, 1896, and he had nominated as his successor, Ernest T. Hargrove, of England. At its fourth Convention, E. T. Hargrove resigned and E. A. Neresheimer was chosen President ; at this Convention the Society was consolidated into the Universal Brotherhood, an organization formed January 13, 1898, or five weeks prior to the Convention

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